

Boundary Changes

Presented by: Division of Rural Services



Overview of Service Areas



- **What is a Service Area?**
 - A specific geographic area of the Borough
 - A separate taxing jurisdiction
 - Provides a governmental service not provided by an areawide or non-areawide basis, such as:
 - **Fire Protection**
 - **Road Maintenance & Construction**
 - **Street Lights**
 - **Sewage Disposal and Treatment**

Service Area Formation / Annexation



- **Establishment of a service area or annexation to a service area may be initiated by the introduction of an ordinance or by the filing of petition with the borough mayor.** FNSB Code 14.01.011
- **A new service area may not be established if the new service can be provided by an existing service area.** AS 29.35.450(b) & FNSB Code 14.01.081(c)

Petition Based Annexation



- **Residents (Sponsors) request area to be in a service area by application**
- **RS prepares a petition packet for the Sponsor**
- **Sponsor must obtain over 50% of property owners signatures within the proposed area**
- **Signatures are verified by the Clerk's Office**
- **Elections are required by both the proposed area and the parent service area**

Consent to Annexation



- **New subdivisions which have access through an established service area**
 - **The Developer is required to consent to annexation**
- **No election is required of the annexation area (no residents)**
- **An election is required of the parent service area**
- **Often combined into Borough sponsored annexation**

Borough Sponsored Annex



- **The Borough may annex subdivisions/ parcels into an existing service area where:**
 - **SA maintained roads provide the only access**
 - **Access by SA roads is required by the subdivision plat**
 - **By other regulation, or by ordinance**
- **An election is required of the parent service area**
- **Commissions may request annexation**

Request to Remove Parcels



- **Residents can request to be removed from an existing service area by:**
 - **File an Application with RS**
 - **Petition packet is prepared by RS**
 - **More than 50% of property owners must sign the petition**
 - **The Borough Clerk certifies signatures**
 - **Elections are required for the area requesting removal and the remainder of the service area**

Request to Remove Parcels



- **The Borough can remove parcels or subdivisions from existing service areas where: (Commission can request)**
 - Parcel or subdivision does not rely on SA maintained roads for access
 - Access by a SA road is not required by subdivision plat
 - Other regulation or ordinance
 - This action is completed by passage of an Ordinance only, no election is required

Boundary Change Timeline



- **October thru May 15**
 - Applications may be submitted to RS for inclusion in the boundary change process
- **May**
 - Petition Packets are prepared for Sponsor by RS
- **June**
 - Petitions are circulated for signatures and returned to RS by deadline (June 30, 2016)

Boundary Change Timeline



- **August**

- Rural Services prepares Ordinance
- Rural Services holds a Public Open House for all proposed boundary changes (tentatively: August 3, 2016)

- **September**

- Ordinance is Introduced to the Assembly

- **October**

- Public Hearing is held on Ordinance

Boundary Change Timeline



- **November**

- Election is held, 3rd Tuesday and conducted by the Borough Clerk (November 15, 2016)

- **December**

- Elections results are certified by Assembly
- Boundary changes are effective so that the properties status change is in place at the start of the tax year, January 1st

Elections



ELECTIONS REQUIRED FOR ANNEXATION OR BOUNDARY CHANGE REQUESTS	REQUIRES VOTE OF NEW AREA	REQUIRES VOTE OF PARENT SERVICE AREA
FORM A NEW SERVICE AREA	YES	
PETITION - JOIN AN EXISTING SERVICE AREA	YES	YES
CONSENT TO ANNEX	No	YES
AS 29.35.450(c) PARCEL OR SUBDIVISION ANNEXATION	No	YES
DISSOLVE A SERVICE AREA		YES
REMOVE A STREET OR SUBDIVISION FROM A SERVICE AREA	YES	YES
AS 29.35.450(c) PARCEL OR SUBDIVISION REMOVAL	No	No



Road Service Areas

- **Shall maintain only those roads within the service areas boundaries which:**
 - Are public roads either by dedication, public use, grant or other proper designation
 - And were constructed to the minimum standards required by FNSBC Title 17
 - Or were constructed prior to 1969 & are used by the residents of the SA for year round automotive access

Road Service Areas



- Or are not constructed to FNSBC Title 17 minimum standards but are used by residents of the RSA for year-round automotive access. Maintenance is permitted if:
 - Commission request in writing
 - Road must otherwise be eligible as determined by PW Department
- **Private roads cannot be maintained with public funds**

Questions



THANK YOU!! for being
here, and your dedication
to the Service Area

