



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE DISSOLUTION OF HIGH PLAINS WATER AND SANITATION METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Summary and Background Information:

The High Plains Water and Sanitation Metropolitan District was originally approved by Council back in 2005 with the intent to provide water and sanitation system improvements as well as street improvements and mosquito control. The initial service area was an undeveloped portion of the TR Ranch development and the service area was later reduced to a small, one acre, platted vacant lot in the north west corner of the development near Tower Road and approximately East 118th Avenue. No improvements were ever constructed. The TR Ranch property recently sold and the new owner does not have a need for the Metropolitan District and therefore wishes to dissolve it. The original service plan approval authorized a debut amount of \$900,000,000, however the applicant was able to provide a certificate of no outstanding financial obligations or outstanding bonds. A mill levy isn't currently being assessed in the service area.

- The City Council must approve all Metro District Service Plans, Amendments, and Dissolutions not being approved by an election.
- Metro Districts must file an annual report to the city.
- The debt of a Metro District is not the obligation of the city, the city has no liability for Metro District debt, and Metro District debt does not impact the city's debt limit.

The proposed dissolution High Plains Water and Sanitation Metropolitan District has been reviewed by the Finance Department, the City Attorney's Office, the Public Works Department, and the Community Development Department for any issues related to their respective areas of expertise. After reviewing the proposed dissolution, staff is recommending that City Council approve the request.

The Special District Act encourages the dissolution of unneeded special districts in order to reduce the fragmentation of local government. § 32-1-101(5), C.R.S. In addition, a special district can dissolve without holding an election if two elements are satisfied: (1) the district has no outstanding debt or financial obligations, and (2) the city in which the district is wholly located consents to the dissolution. § 32-1-704(b), C.R.S. The High Plains Water and Sanitation Metropolitan District satisfies the first of these requirements and with Council's approval will meet the second and be able to dissolve without holding an election.

Staff Responsible (Department Head):

Chris Cramer, Director of Community Development

Staff Member Presenting:

Jenny Axmacher, Planner

Financial Impact:

N/A

Funding Source:

N/A

Development Review Team Recommendation:

The Development Review Team (DRT) recommends that City Council approve the proposed dissolution of the High Plains Water and Sanitation Metropolitan District.

Suggested Motion:

I move to approve resolution 2019-05.