

Sec. 504 . – Exclusive Method for Voluntary Annexations

A. JOINT PLANNING AREA AGREEMENTS: The exclusive method of voluntary annexation is inapplicable within the County's Urban Service Area and within municipal joint planning areas adopted with the County by joint planning agreement or interlocal agreement; sections B and C do not apply.

B. PROCESS FOR REVIEW: ... Notice shall be provided within a 600 foot radius of subject areas less than 50 Acres and 1,000 feet for areas of 50 acres or greater to be annexed, by US Mail 30-days prior to the board of county commissioners public hearing. The cost of such notice shall be paid by the initiating individual or group.

C. LAND USE GOVERNING WITHIN RURAL AREAS: After the effective date of this section excluding municipalities with joint planning area agreements with the County, the comprehensive plan and land development regulations of Orange County shall exclusively govern the development of lands in areas designated as rural beyond the urban service area, regardless of whether some or all of the lands lying within these areas are subsequently annexed or otherwise added into a municipality. Furthermore, the annexing municipality must enter into an interlocal agreement with the county, detailing the provision of essential public services, infrastructure maintenance, and future land use.

D. EFFECTIVE DATE: This charter amendment shall become effective upon the date of canvassing board certification of approval by a vote of the electors of Orange County. References in this charter amendment to joint planning area agreement(s) include municipal agreements with the County regardless of the expiration or termination thereof.