

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-110

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY WAIVER OF VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION FEES FOR PARCELS LOCATED IN ENCLAVES SURROUNDED BY THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR EXPIRATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the territorial limits of the City of Panama City Beach are bordered on all sides by the unincorporated areas of Bay County but also contain pockets of land which remain unincorporated but are surrounded on all sides by land in the City of Panama City Beach (“enclaves”); and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council finds that enclaves can create significant problems in planning, growth management and service delivery and often lead to confusion amongst the City’s visitors and residents regarding the provision of services between the unincorporated County and the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that annexing these enclaves into the City will improve the efficiency of the City’s services while also reducing the cost to those residents who annex into the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently charges fees between \$2,300 and \$2,900 for each application for annexation into the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires to encourage property owners in enclaves bordering the city limits to voluntarily seek annexation by temporarily waiving the application fee in order to incentivize the annexation of enclaves.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** of Panama City Beach that:

1. The appropriate officers of the City are authorized to waive all Planning Department fees for annexation or comprehensive plan amendments assessed by the City in connection with an application by a property owner for voluntary annexation into the territorial boundaries of the City of Panama City Beach when the application meets the following conditions:

- a. The property to be annexed is currently located in an enclave of the unincorporated portions of Bay County. For the purposes of this Resolution, the term enclave shall have the meaning prescribed to it by section 171.031(13), Florida Statutes; and
- b. The annexation will not result in the creation of a new enclave.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and shall remain in effect until 12:00 a.m., August 8, 2023, unless such date is otherwise extended by resolution of the City Council.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** in regular session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

**CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH**

By:   
Mark Sheldon, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lynne Fasone, City Clerk