



Legislation Text

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AGENDA ITEM REPORT

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY PLANNING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, BROWARD COUNTY, AND AFFECTED BROWARD COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES.

BACKGROUND:

Florida Statute requires local governments to coordinate development with school capacity. Both the City and Broward County have met this requirement through the implementation of interlocal agreements.

The purpose of this Resolution is to approve the Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Public School Facility Planning among the School Board of Broward County, Broward County, and affected Broward County municipalities relating to Level of Service (LOS) standards for public schools.

In 2010, the Second Amended ILA temporarily modified the LOS from 110% permanent Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) capacity to 100% gross FISH capacity (including relocatable classrooms) until the end of the 2018/19 school year. Commencing with the 2019/20 school year, the LOS would revert back to 110% permanent FISH capacity.

A lengthy presentation was made on this topic during a Commission Workshop held on June 22, 2017. At that time, there was discussion related to the removal of portables at Tradewinds Elementary, which was completed over the summer.

DISCUSSION:

In compliance with the directive contained in the current Second Amended ILA to assess the viability of reverting the LOS back to 110% permanent capacity, City staff, through the Staff Working Group (SWG), has worked collaboratively with School Board staff to consider various options available to address the challenges of meeting the LOS obligations. As a result of these efforts, there was consensus to amend the LOS to the higher of: 100% gross capacity or 110% permanent capacity, depending on school type.

While the proposed Third Amended and Restated ILA makes some minor changes to names and processes to ensure consistency with Florida Statutes and administrative protocols, the most significant change is to the LOS standards. The LOS would be calculated as the higher of 100% of

gross capacity (including relocatable classrooms) or 110% of permanent capacity. By offering flexibility for calculation of LOS, the proposed amendment minimizes the number of schools that would be in jeopardy of boundary changes due to the inability of the school(s) to meet the LOS requirements.

This Amendment has received the support of both the Oversight Committee and the Staff Working Group. It has also been approved by the School Board of Broward County and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. The ILA becomes effective upon the signatures of the School Board, the County, and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the municipalities, which includes at least fifty percent (50%) of the population within Broward County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A