

RESOLUTION NO. 25-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIS, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES' OPPOSITION TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY MSTU LOCAL BILL; URGING THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities ("League") unanimously adopted a formal Statement of Opposition to the Local Bill relating to the Palm Beach County Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTU), which would alter the statutory, fiscal, and intergovernmental structure under which municipalities annex lands currently, identifying both procedural and substantive concerns with the legislation; and

WHEREAS, procedurally, the League's Statement notes the absence of consultation with or provide advance notice to the League prior to consideration of the Local Bill by the County Commission, contrary to customary practice under the Palm Beach County Charter for legislative matters with countywide municipal impact; and

WHEREAS, the Local Bill directly affects the thirty-nine municipalities of Palm Beach County by potentially influencing municipal fiscal planning, land-use decisions, and emergency services operations, making early consultation essential to responsible intergovernmental coordination; and

WHEREAS, substantively, the League's Statement identifies several significant concerns, including that the Local Bill, even in its revised "Redraft-A" form, may result in double taxation for municipal residents following annexation, as previously identified in municipal analyses such as the City of Palm Beach Gardens' Resolution 85-2025; and

WHEREAS, the League further notes that the Local Bill and its summary provide no data, methodology, or factual support for claims used to justify the bill, including assertions of alleged adverse impacts to unincorporated residents, duplicative fire-rescue expenditures, or selective annexation of "tax-desirable" properties; and

WHEREAS, the Local Bill does not clarify how its provisions would remedy any alleged adverse impacts, nor how its requirements align with or complement the longstanding statutory annexation framework that already provides safeguards for service continuity and resident protection; and

WHEREAS, the League has urged the Legislative Delegation to defer consideration of the Local Bill until the 2027 Legislative Session to allow full collaboration among municipalities, the County, bill sponsors, and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Atlantis supports the League’s call for orderly, transparent, and collaborative legislative processes and recognizes that rushed or insufficiently studied structural changes to annexation or service-delivery frameworks risk fiscal uncertainty, litigation, and unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIS, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Support for League of Cities’ Opposition.

The City of Atlantis hereby supports and endorses the Palm Beach County League of Cities’ formal opposition to the Palm Beach County MSTU Local Bill.

Section 2. Request for Deferral.

The City of Atlantis respectfully urges the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation to defer consideration of the Local Bill until the 2027 Legislative Session in order to allow for meaningful collaboration, data analysis, legal review, and development of consensus legislation that protects residents, avoids double taxation, and conforms to Florida law.

Section 3. Transmittal.

The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to:


- the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation,
- the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and
- the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. Effective Date.

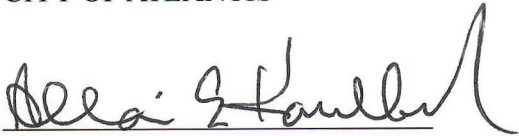
This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of November 2025.

CITY OF ATLANTIS



Aye Nay



Mayor Allan Kaulbach



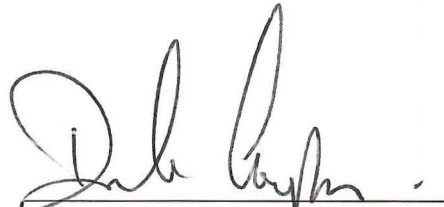
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Vice Mayor Keller Lanahan

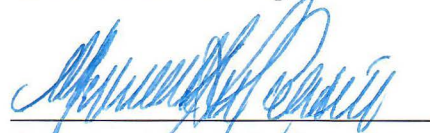
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Aye

Nay


Councilor Derek Cooper

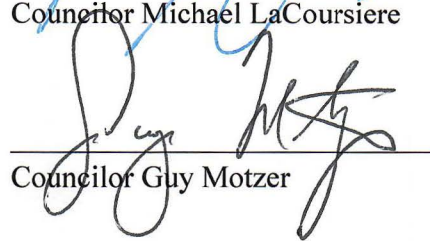
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Councilor Michael LaCoursiere

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Aye

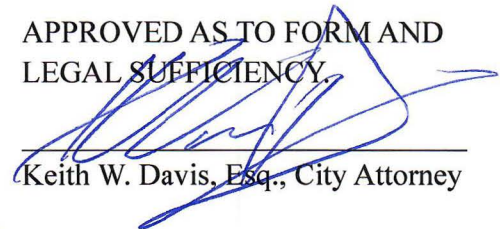
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Councilor Guy Motzer

ATTEST:


Kristen Puhalainen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY.


Keith W. Davis, Esq., City Attorney

