

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO SUPPORT THE WATER LINE EXTENSION PROGRAM/IN-HOUSE WATER LINE EXTENSION PROGRAM; PROVIDING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND AUTHORITY; ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM SERVICE AREA; ESTABLISHING ONE-TIME CAPITAL CONNECTION FEE FOR THE SERVICE AREA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida (the “Board”) approved Ordinance No. 2024-13 for the addition of the In-House Water Line Extension Program (“Program”) to include projects funded by the Board and completed by the Marion County Utilities (“MCU”) In-House Crew (“Crew”); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that lots not yet connected to MCU’s utility system (“System”) will pay a one-time Capital Connection Fee (“CCF”) to fund its portion of the water line extension and those monies will be reinvested into the Program to enable future water main extensions and connections; and

WHEREAS, the Program requires the Board to establish, by Resolution, a one-time CCF establishing a pro-rata share for parcels connecting single family residences participating in the Program (“Benefitting Lots”) and the payment terms and conditions applicable thereto, which may include differing fees based on the cost and distance of required extensions; and

WHEREAS, Worth Construction & Remodeling, Inc (“Owner”) requested an Availability Notice from MCU on parcel number 8009-1172-05 (“Parcel”) and MCU advised the parcel was subject to the American Rescue Plan Act Short Water Line Program (“Grant”) defined in Ordinance 2022-43, limiting Owner’s CCF to its own parcel and a maximum cost to be determined after design, and by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, when MCU reviewed the Owner’s building permit application for the Parcel October 18, 2023, Grant funding was exhausted, and Grant applications were no longer being accepted; and

WHEREAS, Owner applied for a water main extension with MCU to serve the Parcel in accordance with Land Development Code through a project assigned WME-006

in accordance with Resolution 21-R-381 establishing Owner's 100% obligation to construct; and

WHEREAS, Owner has been authorized by the Board at its May 21, 2024 meeting to alternatively participate in the Program through a unique set of circumstances which does not set any precedent for future water main extension projects; and

WHEREAS, each Benefitting Lot owner will pay only its lot's CCF, which will be reinvested in the Program to help pay costs of the water line extension program; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the CCF will be determined by apportioning the actual cost of the water line extension among all lots to be served by the water line extension on a pro rata basis; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish discrete geographical area(s) of unincorporated Marion County designated by Board resolution as "In-House Water Main Extension Program Service Areas," where funding is available to cover the water main extension cost; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project's cost and resulting per parcel CCF are derived from MCU's best information from field data; estimated necessary materials, labor, equipment, and timeline to construct; and anticipated number of resulting improved parcels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 19 – Water and Sewers, Article III. – Water and Wastewater

Facilities, Division 5. – Short Water Line Extension Program/In-House Water Line Extension Program, of the Code of Ordinances of Marion County, Florida.

SECTION 3. ESTABLISH THE IN-HOUSE LINE EXTENSION PROGRAM SERVICE AREA. Pursuant to Section 19-218, the Board hereby designates the following In-House Extension Program Service Area:

Parcel **8009-1172-05** and surrounding improved parcels of the water main extension are herein attached as **Exhibit A**. Sketch is for reference purposes only and supports professionally engineered Issued for Construction (“IFC”) plans on file with County.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHING ONE-TIME CAPITAL CONNECTION FEE.

(A) Pursuant to Section 19-217, the one-time CCF will be determined by apportioning the actual cost of this water line extension work using County’s bid pricing, estimated labor and materials from a preliminary estimate of work is herein attached as **Exhibit C** to be served by the water line extension designed to serve the parcels in Exhibits A and B. It is further noted that additional fees may include:

1. Each qualifying water service applicant will additionally be responsible for the cost of all On-site facilities as defined in Section 19-122.
2. The water service applicant must pay all applicable costs and fees for the requested service which may include, without limitation, tap fees and system development fees as required by the County. All costs and fees are due in accordance with Section 19-217(c) and the County’s existing utility regulations.
3. The water service is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local permits and requirements and any required encroachments

(B) The CCF for this In-House Water Line Extension Program Service Area Project **MCIH-MO9-01** is **\$3,289.91** per lot.

(C) After completion of all work, the actual CCF and Benefitting Lots will be ratified through a final Resolution.

1. A final Resolution confirming all improved parcels will be supported by as-builts by County, actual materials, labor, and equipment used.
2. MCU will issue owners of all affected parcels a Benefitting Lot Notice which certifies MCU’s costs, and confirms the total number of Benefitting Lots to support the CCF due at time of connection.
3. Property owners of Benefitting Lots which were developed and connected to the System during the timeframe between this Resolution

and the final Resolution, and who were assessed a higher CCF based on this Resolution will be refunded the difference by MCU within 90 days of the final Resolution's approval.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session this ____ day of _____, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Michelle Stone, Chairman

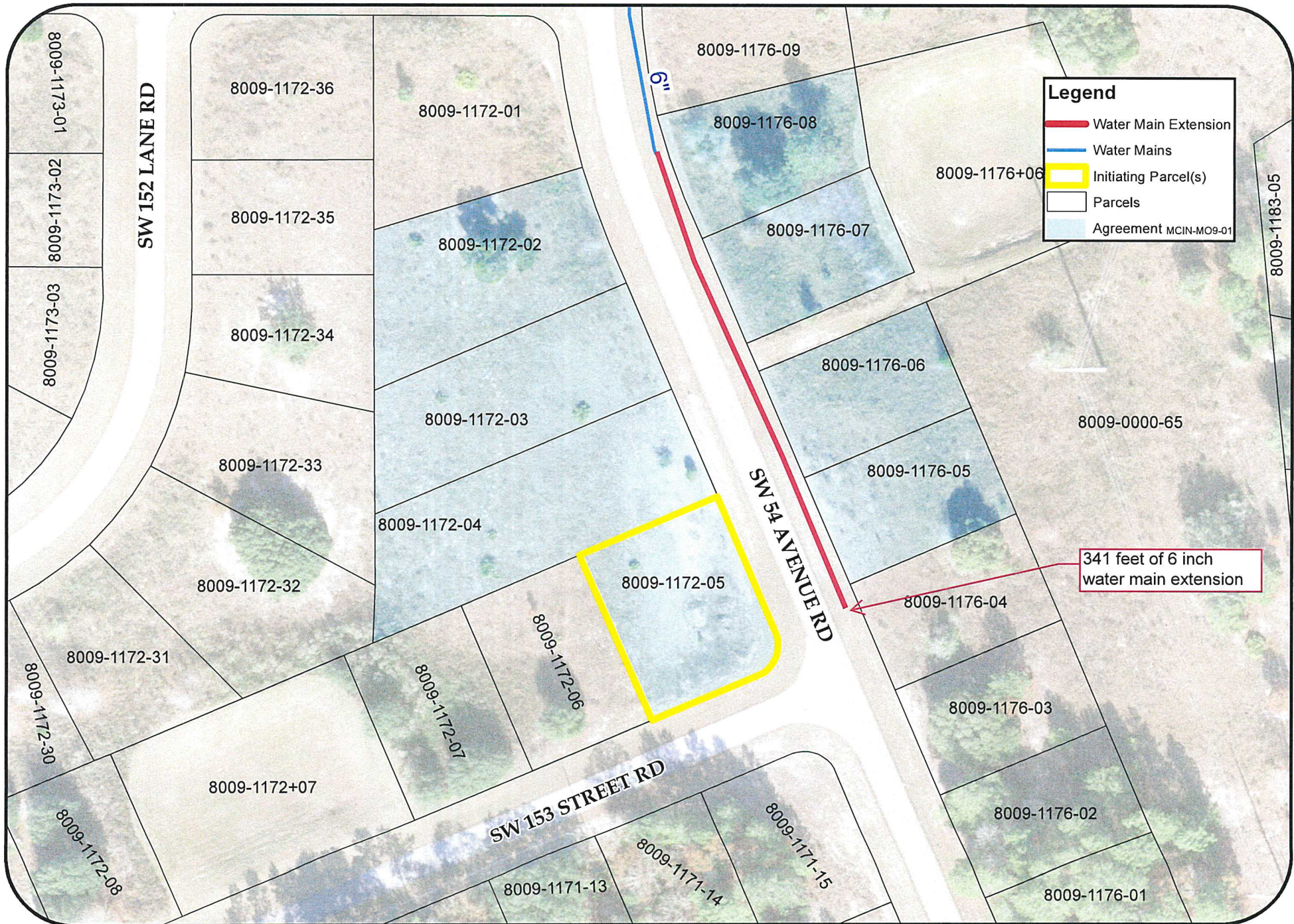
ATTEST:

Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk

FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF
MARION COUNTY ONLY.
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

For: 

Matthew Minter, County Attorney



Legend

- Water Main Extension
- Water Mains
- Initiating Parcel(s)
- Parcels
- Agreement MCIN-MO9-01

341 feet of 6 inch water main extension

