

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY'S CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORY WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE'S MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES INTO PALM BEACH COUNTY'S FIRE/RESCUE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FIRE-RESCUE, FIRE PROTECTION, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY SERVICES), FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR INTENT, PURPOSE AND CONSENT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND DURATION OF CONSENT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVENESS OF REPEAL; ACKNOWLEDGING AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE LIMITATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.01(1)(q) and (r), Florida Statutes, the Florida Legislature has empowered counties to establish Municipal Service Taxing Units ("MSTU"s), whereby a county may levy a tax within the MSTU for certain essential municipal services, including the provision of fire-rescue services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.01(1)(q), Florida Statutes, a municipality may be included within an MSTU, subject to approval by ordinance of the governing body of the municipality giving consent either annually or for a term of years; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County ("County") established an MSTU known as the Fire/Rescue MSTU to provide fire protection, fire-rescue, advanced life support (or similar emergency services), code enforcement and other services necessary and incidental to the purpose for which the MSTU was created; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westlake ("City") was incorporated on June 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, prior to the City's incorporation, all territory within the municipal boundaries of the City was, included within the Fire/Rescue MSTU as part of the unincorporated area of the County; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter authorizes the Fire/Rescue MSTU to continue within the boundaries of the City until the City adopts an ordinance to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt this Ordinance to formalize its consent, in accordance with Section 125.01(1)(q), Florida Statutes, to be included in the Fire/Rescue MSTU

for County fire-rescue and related services within the territorial limits of the City including, but not limited to, the County's enforcement of the Florida Fire Prevention Code and Palm Beach County Local Amendments thereto, and any other laws and regulations that relate to fire-rescue services and are enforceable by the County within the MSTU (collectively "Fire Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Westlake believes that such inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: Intent, Purpose and Consent: It is the intent, purpose and effect of this Ordinance to comply with the provisions of Section 125.01(1)(q), Florida Statutes. The City Council of the City of Westlake hereby ratifies and consents to the inclusion of all territory within the incorporated municipal boundaries of the City, as may be amended from time to time, within the County's Fire/Rescue Municipal Service Taxing Unit (the "Fire/Rescue MSTU"), which was established pursuant to enabling legislation adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County. The purpose of the enactment of this Ordinance is for the City to be included in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU in order to enable the County to fund and provide fire-rescue services, new construction plan review, fire inspections and related services within the territorial limits of the City including, but not limited to, the County's enforcement of the Florida Fire Prevention Code and Palm Beach County Local Amendments thereto, and any other laws and regulations that relate to fire-rescue services and are enforceable by the County within the MSTU (collectively "Fire Code").

Section 2: Effectiveness and Duration of Consent: The City's consent to be included in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU shall be implemented effective December 31, 2016, for Tax Year 2017, and shall continue for a term of ten (10) years through December 31, 2026; provided, however, that the City's consent and inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU shall be deemed to continue through 7:30 a.m. on October 1, 2027, to the extent necessary to enable the County to provide within the City fire-rescue and related services funded by the final tax year including, but not limited to, the County's enforcement of the Fire Code. Notwithstanding anything herein that may be construed to the contrary, the City's consent and inclusion in the

Fire/Rescue MSTU shall be deemed to be ratified and effective retroactively from June 20, 2016, to the extent necessary for the County to fund and provide within the City fire-rescue and related services including, but not limited to, the County's enforcement of the Fire Code, between June 20, 2016, and the commencement of services funded by Tax Year 2017.

Section 3: Effectiveness of Repeal: Should the City intend to repeal its consent to be included in the Fire/Rescue MSTU prior to its expiration on December 31, 2026, the City shall provide written notice to the County, by March 1st of any given year, of the City's intent to repeal this Ordinance and the consent provided herein effective December 31st of the same year. The City shall adopt an ordinance to repeal this Ordinance and the consent provided herein, and shall provide a certified copy of the repealing ordinance to the County and to the Property Appraiser, by said December 31st. The City's inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU shall terminate on said December 31st; provided, however, that the City's inclusion in the County's Fire/Rescue MSTU shall be deemed to continue through the following October 1st at 7:30 a.m. to the extent necessary to enable the County to provide within the City fire-rescue and related services funded by the final tax year, including, but not limited to, the County's enforcement of the Fire Code.

Section 4: Ad Valorem Millage Rate Limitation: The City acknowledges that by opting into the MSTU, it cannot levy an annual ad valorem millage rate that would exceed the ten (10) mill cap for municipal purposes when combined with the Fire/Rescue MSTU's annual ad valorem millage rate.

Section 5: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances: All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 6: Severability: If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 7: Codification: The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the code or ordinances of the City of Westlake, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate word.

Section 8: Captions: The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are intended only for the convenience of users and shall have no effect on the

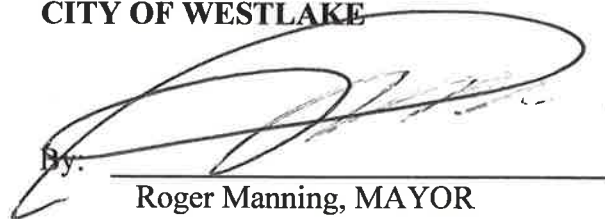
interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 9: Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption. Notwithstanding anything here to the contrary, the City's inclusion in the MSTU is contingent upon the County adopting and maintaining an ordinance including the City within the Fire/Rescue MSTU.

FIRST READING this 24th day of October, 2016.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING by the City Council of the City of Westlake, Florida, on this 14th day of November, 2016.

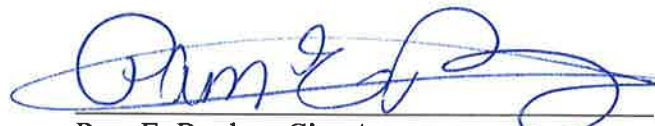
CITY OF WESTLAKE

By: 
Roger Manning, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Sandra Demarco, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


Pam E. Booker, City Attorney

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

On this 16th day of November, 2016, I attest that the preceding or attached document is a true, exact, complete and unaltered photocopy made by me of the City of Westlake's adopted Ordinance No. 2016-04, presented to me by the document's custodian, Sandra DeMarco, and to the best of my knowledge, that the photocopied document is neither a vital record nor a public record, certified copies of which are available from an official source other than a notary public.



Official Notary Signature and Notary Seal

