

02-26-2020 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #2: Petition - Bayberry Drive Residents Request to Amend the Water and Sewer Management, Planning, and Boundary Agreement to Allow Water and Sewage Services to Their Lots

Council Question:

Aside from petitioning the Town Council, what steps must Mr. Baumgartner and Ms. Sumney go through in order to have access to OWASA service?

Staff Response:

The property owners are seeking approval for water and sewer service through amendment to the Water and Sewer Management, Planning, and Boundary Agreement (WASMPBA). There are 5 parties to this Agreement – OWASA, Orange County, Town of Carrboro, and Town of Hillsborough, in addition to Town of Chapel Hill. The governing body of each party must approve an amendment in order for a boundary change to take effect. The petition states that the property owners are seeking approval from all parties simultaneously. If all 5 receive this petition and act to approve, the lots would be able to receive service. The property owners could then work directly with OWASA to install the necessary water and sewer infrastructure.

Council Question:

Are other property owners along Bayberry and, possibly Silers Fen Ct interested in having OWASA service activated?

Staff Response:

Staff's understanding is that the existing homes along Bayberry Ln and Silers Fen Ct already have active OWASA service. While some of the lots fall partially or fully outside the WASMPBA boundary, those homes were either built or under construction at the time WASMPBA was adopted. Accordingly, policy at that time allowed them to connect to water and sewer. We are not aware of any developed lots that were unable to receive service, but we can confirm with OWASA whether that is the case.