City of Boerne	AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
AGENDA DATE	July 11, 2017
DESCRIPTION	CONSIDER ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-23; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS, INCLUDING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, KENDALL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY, AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND REGULATIONS OF SAID CITY THAT MAY APPLY WITH THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTON. (Ann Biggs, 145 Thundervalley Rd, KAD No. 16926)
STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION (be specific)	Approve Or Deny On First Reading Ordinance No. 2017-23; An Ordinance Extending The ETJ. (Ann Biggs, 145 Thundervalley Rd, KAD No. 16926)
CONTACT PERSON	Chris Turk
SUMMARY	Since 1987 the City of Boerne has been willing to offer the opportunity for persons who owned property that was contiguous to our existing ETJ to petition to be included in the City of Boerne's ETJ as opposed to becoming part of San Antonio. There are no ad valorem city taxes included by these properties and they would also be excluded from City ordinances even though some can be applied to our ETJ, until such time that their property might fall within our legislative ETJ which is one mile from our city limits. On August 25, 2015 there was an article in the San Antonio Express News titled "San Antonio looks to step up its annexation plans". In September the Boerne Planning Staff forwarded a Memo to the Mayor, City Manager and Deputy City Manager with our recommendation as to what actions the City of Boerne could take if any. One of those suggestions was to inform the property owners who would be affected by the proposed annexation by San Antonio what options were available to them, specifically their ability to petition to be included in another municipalities ETJ if they met the criteria.

	With permission given to move forward we identified what we believed would be the quickest and shortest route to seek voluntary inclusion in Boerne's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). In October of 2015 Staff sent a letter to a selected 53 property owners, many of whom owned multiple tracts, explaining the process and the effects of being within a city's ETJ.
	Follow up letters were subsequently sent out to property owners who had not responded in March, August and October of 2016 and then in January and May of 2017. These letters have basically the same information and substance.
	In recent weeks these efforts proved to be successful and we received enough voluntary petitions to be included in an extended Boerne ETJ to effectively provide a buffer to San Antonio annexation to the West. Should Council choose to accept the petitions that are being presented for Council's consideration and pass the necessary ordinances the properties in yellow on the map will be included in the City of Boerne's ETJ (attachment 1).
	In the 2017 legislative session there were several bills introduced pertaining to municipal annexations. None of them have made it to the governor for signature and the last one was killed because several San Antonio and Austin area Senators spoke on the Senate floor until time expired in the Session. We have been told the Governor will place annexations on the special session calendar for July. Staff is prepared to follow through on the voluntary petitions for annexations.
COST	
SOURCE OF FUNDS	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	

This summary is not meant to be all inclusive. Supporting documentation is attached.