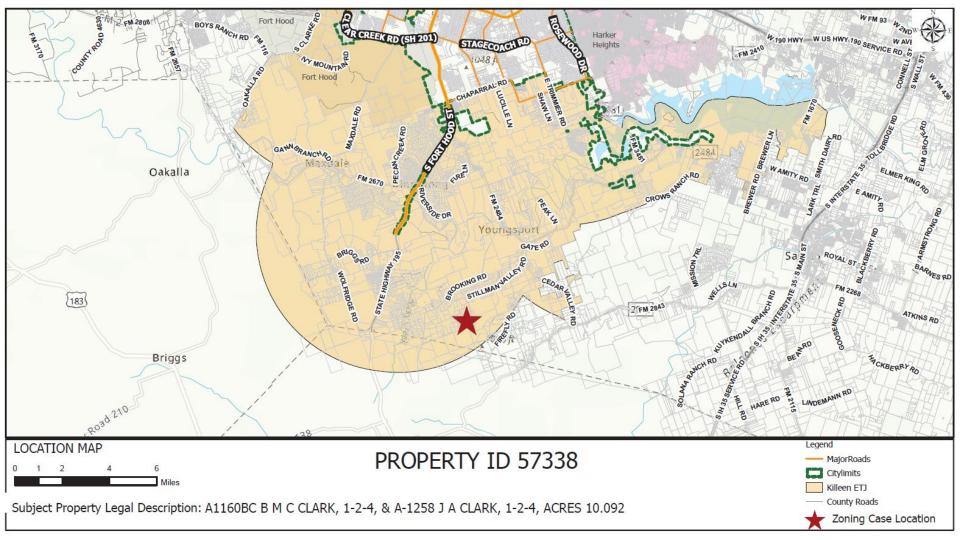
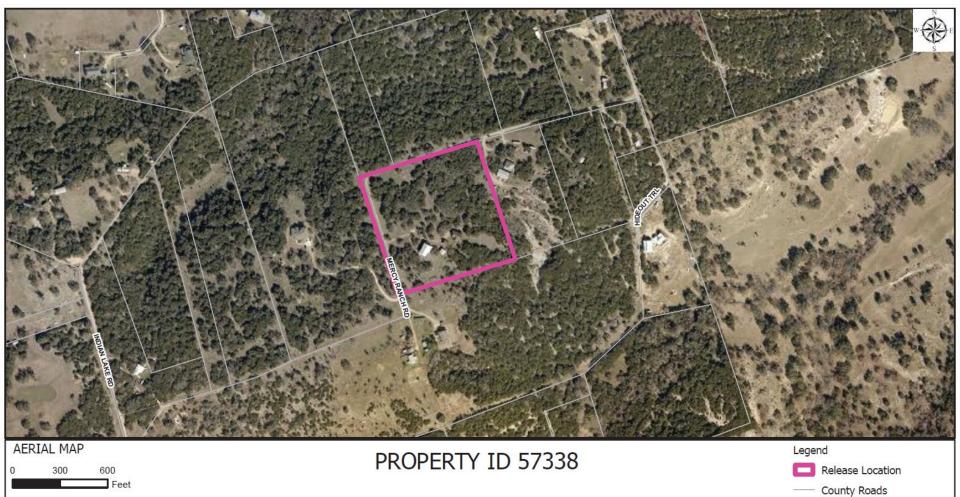
PETITION FOR RELEASE FROM CITY OF KILLEEN ETJ

Background

 During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 2038, which amended Texas Local Government Code Chapter 42 to allow the owner(s) of property located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of a municipality to petition that municipality for release from the ETJ. This amendment became effective on September 1, 2023. Also on September 1, 2023, staff received a petition for release from the ETJ from Scott and Stephanie Brooks, owners of the subject property located at 425 Mercy Ranch Road in the Killeen ETJ.





Subject Property Legal Description: A1160BC B M C CLARK, 1-2-4, & A-1258 J A CLARK, 1-2-4, ACRES 10.092

Background

□ With the adoption of S.B. 2038, Texas Local Government Code Sec. 42.104(d) now states: "If a municipality fails to take action to release the area [...] by the later of the 45^{th} day after the date the municipality receives the petition or the next meeting of the municipality's governing body that occurs after the 30th day after the date the municipality receives the petition, the area is released by operation of law.

Background

Texas Local Government Code Sec. 42.023 states that the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality may not be reduced unless the governing body of the municipality gives its written consent by ordinance or resolution.

Alternatives

- The City Council has two alternatives. The Council may:
 - Approve the petition requesting release from the ETJ; or
 - Do not approve the petition requesting release from the ETJ.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the petition requesting release from the ETJ in accordance with Chapter 42 of the Texas Local Government Code.