

City and Town of Verona Boundary Agreement

Summary of Key Terms

General Terms and Structure

- Intergovernmental agreement authorized by Wisconsin Statute 66.0301
- Public hearing required prior to action by the City and Town on the agreement
- Proposed term of 10 years with the ability to renew the agreement
- Scope includes land use within the entire Town of Verona
- Establishes four growth areas based on location and potential for future rural and urban development

Area A: City Growth Area

- Primary City growth area including land adjacent to the City
- Timing of City development would be contingent on availability of City services
- Most restrictive for rural development within the Town
- Town will not oppose annexations in this area
- Town islands are allowed
- Options for Town development would be limited and would have to conform to existing extra-territorial review authority of the City

Area B: City-Town Interest Area

- Potential future City growth areas
- Allows for limited Town development that would not impede future City growth
- Timing of City development would be contingent availability of City services
- Town will not oppose annexations in this area
- Town islands are allowed
- The City of Madison and City of Fitchburg's extra-territorial jurisdiction will remain in effect for portions of Area B
- Town development would be subject to approval by a joint City/Town Plan Committee

Area C: Town Protected Area

- Area not anticipated for City growth
- City will not annex property within this area
- Rural development would be allowed consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan
- Town development would be approved Town and County

Area D: Town Neighborhoods

- Existing Town neighborhoods located in Areas A and B
- City would not annex property unless at least 80% of the owners seek annexation.
- Any annexations must be contiguous to the City and include the entire neighborhood
- Land divisions would be subject to approval by a joint City/Town Plan Committee

Other Points

- Agreement provides for the establishment of a joint City/Town Plan Committee to review and take action on land remaining in the Town in Areas A, B, and D.
- Agreement calls for reciprocal advisory staff review of development in Area B and Area C.
- Agreement could facilitate the development of a shared City/Town zoning code eliminating the County from zoning decisions.
- Agreement includes language about protecting farmland, the Ice Age Trail Corridor, and the Sugar River Watershed.
- Agreement calls for road maintenance agreements when an annexation creates a City or Town island.