

RESOLUTION NO. 33-19

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019 GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL 3-MILE PLAN MAP AS REQUIRED BY C.R.S. 31-12-101 ET. SEQ.

RECITALS.

Colorado law (C.R.S. 31-12-101, *et. seq.*) provides among other things, that no municipal annexation may occur that would have the effect of extending a municipal boundary more than three miles in any direction from any point of such municipal boundary in any one year. The law also requires that prior to completion of any annexation within the three-mile area that the annexing municipality must have a plan that generally describes the proposed location, character and extent of public infrastructure and proposed land uses, all as more particularly described in the statute.

According to law such plan shall be updated at least once annually. The law does not expressly establish whether the whole three-mile boundary area or just the area of the annexation is to be planned by the three-mile plan; however, and as is the case in Grand Junction, because the City's master planning includes consideration of annexation policies, the elements of a three-mile plan are incorporated in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The City's master plan began with the 1996 *Growth Plan*. The City revised its master plan in an effort that became known as the *Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan* ("*Comprehensive Plan*"), which was adopted on February 7, 2010 by Ordinance 4406. Among other things the *Comprehensive Plan* established the Urban Development Boundary ("UDB") which sets the eventual boundary of the City. The UDB currently does not extend beyond three miles from any existing boundary of the City.

The City and Mesa County jointly adopted the *Comprehensive Plan*. The *Comprehensive Plan* provides the framework for annexation and development, including defining and describing growth and development goals and policies, which include but are not limited to the boundary of the City and how and where urban utilities, infrastructure and facilities will extend. The *Comprehensive Plan* promotes the community's vision, goals, objectives, and policies; it establishes a process for orderly growth and development; addresses both current and long term needs; and provides for a balance between the natural and built environment, all as presumed by the law and good public policy.

The *Comprehensive Plan* was developed with an understanding of the need to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of development. To that end, the *Comprehensive Plan* includes a *Future Land Use Map* that designates the future land uses within the entirety of the UDB.

The *Comprehensive Plan*, through the application of its Goal and Policies, the appendices and supporting documentation all describe the City's intent regarding the provision of infrastructure, transportation, utilities and other services to and within any annexed property within the planning area/UDB. The *Comprehensive Plan* describes the proposed character, extent and location of land uses and infrastructure preparation, which have been consistent since the adoption, and

accordingly the three-mile plan is considered and found, as allowed by law, to be a part of the *Comprehensive Plan*.

The City Council finds the *Comprehensive Plan* together with and as amended by the attached annual update, *2019 Grand Junction Municipal 3-Mile Plan Map* (Exhibit A), satisfies the requirements of C.R.S. 31-12-101 *et. seq.* and all applicable law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction:

That the *Comprehensive Plan* as adopted and amended by and with Exhibit A, is the three-mile plan for the City of Grand Junction and that Exhibit A is and serves as the annual update as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 5th day of June, 2019.

Attest:



Wanda Winkelmann
City Clerk



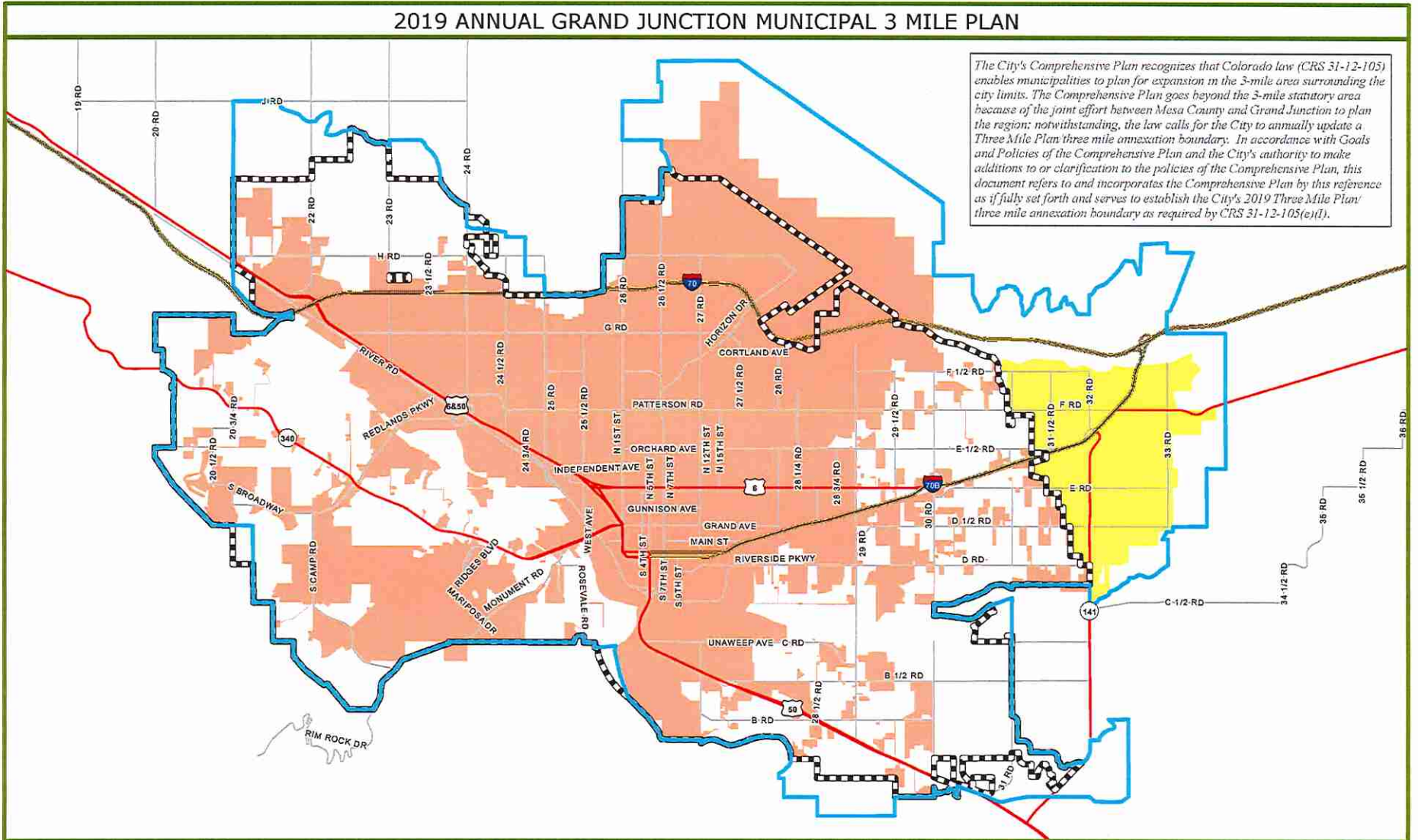
Rick Taggart
Mayor and President of the Council



Exhibit A

2019 ANNUAL GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL 3 MILE PLAN

The City's Comprehensive Plan recognizes that Colorado law (CRS 31-12-105) enables municipalities to plan for expansion in the 3-mile area surrounding the city limits. The Comprehensive Plan goes beyond the 2-mile statutory area because of the joint effort between Mesa County and Grand Junction to plan the region; notwithstanding, the law calls for the City to annually update a Three Mile Plan three mile annexation boundary. In accordance with Goals and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the City's authority to make additions to or clarification to the policies of the Comprehensive Plan, this document refers to and incorporates the Comprehensive Plan by this reference as if fully set forth and serves to establish the City's 2019 Three Mile Plan three mile annexation boundary as required by CRS 31-12-105(e)(1).



- Comprehensive Plan UDB / 3-Mile Plan
- City Limits on Dec 31, 2018
- Clifton Sanitation District
- 201 Boundary