

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS LYING CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY LIMITS, PURSUANT TO PETITION NO. 25-06AN BY MARY L. CLARK, TRUSTEE OF THE CLARK FAMILY TRUST, INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AND REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY TO INCLUDE SAID ADDITION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida received sworn Petition for Annexation of Contiguous Property to City of Venice No. 25-06AN from Mary L. Clark, Trustee of the Clark Family Trust, requesting the city to voluntarily annex approximately 7.3 ± acres of real property into the corporate limits of the City of Venice, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Venice City Council has received and considered the report of the Planning Commission recommending approval of Annexation Petition No. 25-06AN; and

**WHEREAS**, the Venice City Council has determined the area to be annexed has met all the requirements of Chapter 171, Florida Statutes, including being contiguous to the City of Venice and reasonably compact; and

**WHEREAS**, all other procedural and notice requirements mandated by state law and the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances have been followed and satisfied; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Venice for the City Council to annex the real property described herein into the municipal boundaries of the City of Venice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The Whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** The City of Venice hereby accepts the Petition for Annexation of Contiguous Property to City of Venice No. 25-06AN and hereby determines that the Petition bears the signature of the current owner of the property to be annexed. The property described in Exhibit "A" is hereby annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Venice and the boundary lines of the City of Venice are hereby redefined to include the described property.

**SECTION 3.** Within seven (7) days after adoption, this Ordinance shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sarasota County, Florida and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, and the Department of State, Secretary of State, State of Florida, pursuant to Section 171.044(3), Florida Statutes.

**SECTION 4.** The Pre-Annexation Agreement between the City of Venice and Mary L. Clark, Trustee of the Clark Family Trust, dated July 8, 2025, and approved by City Council on July 8, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit “B”, is hereby incorporated by reference into this ordinance. All parties agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Pre-Annexation Agreement.

**SECTION 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 6.** If any part, section, subsection or other portion of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such part, section, subsection or other portion, or the prescribed application thereof, shall be severable and the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and all applications thereof not having been declared void, unconstitutional or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect. The city council specifically declares that no invalid or prescribed provision or application was an inducement to the enactment of this ordinance and that it would have enacted this ordinance regardless of the invalid or prescribed provision or application.

**SECTION 7.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption, as provided by law.

**PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.**

First Reading: January 13, 2026

Final Reading: February 10, 2026

ADOPTION: February 10, 2026

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Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

I, Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City of Venice Council, a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, a quorum being present.

**WITNESS** my hand and the official seal of said City this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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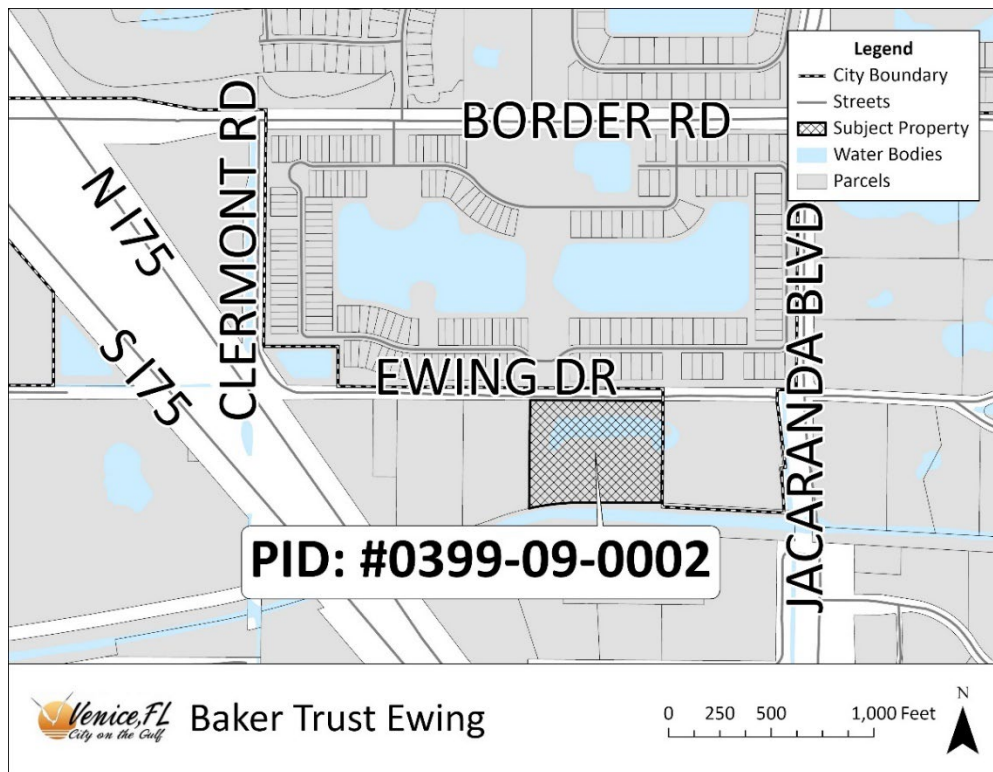
Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney

**Exhibit "A"**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
BAKER TRUST – VENICE  
2327 EWING DRIVE VENICE, FL, 34292

**PID: #0399-09-0002**

LOT 278 NORTH VENICE FARMS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AND RECORDED AMONG THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SARASOTA COUNTY FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 203



## Exhibit "B"

### PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025 by and between the CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, a municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as "City"), and MARY L. CLARK, TRUSTEE OF THE CLARK FAMILY TRUST DATED DECEMBER 9, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "Owner").

WHEREAS, the Owner owns land comprising approximately 7.43 +/- acres located in Sarasota County, Florida, which is more particularly described by the legal description and map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (hereinafter referred to as the "Subject Property"), the existing improvements on the site are anticipated to be removed following City approval of appropriate development petitions; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has filed an annexation petition pursuant to Section 171.044, Florida Statutes, seeking to voluntarily annex and include the Subject Property within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it will receive certain benefits from the development of the Subject Property under the jurisdiction of the City that it would otherwise forego should the Subject Property develop in unincorporated Sarasota County; and

WHEREAS, the Amended and Restated Joint Planning and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (JPA/ILSBA) between the City and County identifies the Subject Property as a potential area for future annexation in the City; and,

WHEREAS, this Agreement is a contract between the parties and is not meant as nor shall it be construed as a development order or any form of development approval; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that in the event the Subject Property is annexed into the City, it would best serve the public interest that it be annexed subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the terms, conditions, and mutual covenants contained herein, the City and Owner agree as follows:

1. INTRODUCTORY CLAUSES. The above Whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.
2. CONDITION PRECEDENT. This Agreement shall not be binding or enforceable by either party unless and until the City duly adopts an ordinance annexing the Subject Property into the corporate limits of the City.
3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING. The Subject Property currently has a Sarasota County Future Land Use designation of Rural, a Sarasota County zoning designation of Open Use Estate, and is located within Area 2B, SUBAREA 2 of the JPA/ILSBA providing for 13 dwelling units per acre.

The Owner shall petition the City to redesignate the Subject Property to a City Future Land Use designation and rezone the Subject Property to a district or districts under the City Zoning Code

concurrent with the City's consideration and adoption of an ordinance annexing the property into the corporate limits of the City. Following annexation, the Subject Property shall be subject to all codes, laws, ordinances, and regulations in force within the City.

4. CONCURRENCY EVALUATION NOT MADE: NO RELIANCE OR VESTED RIGHT. Nothing contained in this Agreement nor any review of the impacts of the proposed development of the Subject Property upon public facilities and services that has occurred during the process of reviewing or negotiating this Agreement shall be considered a determination that adequate public facilities will be available concurrent with the impacts of development of the Subject Property.

5. EXPANSION OF WATER UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE. Wastewater and reclaimed water services will be provided by Sarasota County and subject to their design and construction requirements. At the time of development of the Subject Property, the Owner, or its successors and assigns, shall design, construct, and pay for installing, extending, sizing, and upsizing all offsite and onsite potable water systems necessary to serve the full buildout of the project with connections to existing systems. Typical components of these systems may include, but are not limited to, the following:

<u>Utility System</u>	<u>Components</u>
Potable Water	Piping, valve assemblies, hydrants, service lines, blow-offs, backflow assemblies.

If utility system components serve needs beyond the full buildout of the project, then the costs associated with the design, construction, installation, extension, sizing, and upsizing of such components shall be equitably shared by the City. The specific terms of any such share in costs shall be negotiated between the Owner, or its successors and assigns, and the City through a subsequent agreement.

All such work shall be performed in accordance with plans and specifications approved through the City's construction permitting process and in accordance with the versions of the City Code, State Rules and Regulations, Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities (Great Lakes Upper Mississippi River Board Standards), and Utilities Standard Details then in effect.

6. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

A. Owner is required to provide, at their cost, all necessary access to the site including roadways, utilities and common area improvements as approved by the Utilities Director and City Engineer.

B. Internal roadways and stormwater facilities shall be designed and constructed at the expense of Owner. Internal roadways and stormwater facilities shall be privately owned and maintained.

C. Owner shall comply with all applicable requirements of the JPA/ILSBA, as amended.

7. WATER UTILITY CHARGES. The Owner, or her successors and assigns, shall pay all water utility rates, fees, and charges. Including any capital charges such as water plant capacity charges, as determined by the City Code of Ordinances in effect at the time a building permit is issued for improvements that will be connected to the City's water utility systems.

8. IMPACT FEES. The City collects certain impacts fees as well as certain impact fees enacted by Sarasota County within the City. Development of the Subject Property shall be subject to such impact fees and any additional impact fees adopted by Sarasota County or the City in the future.

9. ATTORNEY FEE REIMBURSEMENT. The Owner shall reimburse the City all monies paid by the City to the City Attorney for services rendered concerning the annexation and in accordance with Chapter 87, Section 1.2.B of the City Code.

10. INDEMNITY. It is agreed that if the City shall accept and include the Subject Property for inclusion within its corporate limits pursuant to the petition for annexation, the Owner shall and will indemnify and hold the City harmless from all costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, that may be incurred by it in defending any and all litigation involving the validity of such annexation proceeding.

The Owner further covenants and agrees that, if the contemplated annexation shall ultimately be held invalid by court proceedings or excluded from the City limits by future legislation, then if and to the extent that the City shall continue to supply water and other utility services to the Subject Property, it shall be entitled to charge at such rates as may be prescribed from time to time by the City for comparable services outside the corporate limits. Moreover, the Owner further covenants and agrees to waive any claim for a refund of ad valorem taxes levied by and paid to the City on the Subject Property for any periods subsequent to the acceptance by the City of the Owner's petition for annexation and prior to the establishment of the invalidity thereof in the manner aforesaid.

11. DEFAULT. Upon the breach by either party of any term or condition of this Agreement, and upon the failure to cure same after thirty (30) days written notice from either party, then the non-defaulting party shall have the right to enforce performance of the same or to perform any such term or condition and recover the costs of same from the defaulting party.

12. ATTORNEY'S FEES. In the event of any default pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all attorney's fees and costs from the other party, whether the same be incurred for negotiation, trial, or appellate proceedings.

13. BINDING ON SUCCESSORS. The covenants contained herein shall run with the Subject Property and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors, heirs, legal representatives, and assigns of the parties to this Agreement.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This document constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and cannot be changed or modified except by instrument in writing duly approved by both parties.

15. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT. All parties to this Agreement are deemed to have participated in its drafting. In the event of any ambiguity in the terms of this Agreement, the parties agree that such ambiguity shall be construed without regard to which of the parties drafted the provision in question.

16. INCORPORATION INTO ORDINANCE. This Agreement shall be incorporated into and shall become a part of the ordinance annexing the Subject Property into the City.

17. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this Agreement shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and the Agreement shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions are omitted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Owner set their hands and seals hereto on the day and year first above written.

**Owner:** Mary L. Clark, Trustee of the Clark Family Trust

*Mary L. Clark*

Mary L. Clark, Trustee

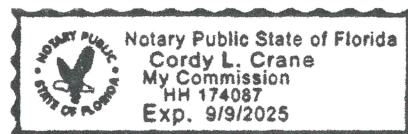
STATE OF Florida  
COUNTY OF Sarasota

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, by Mary L. Clark, Trustee of the Clark Family Trust, by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification or is personally known to me.

*Cordy L. Crane*

Notary Public

(SEAL)





CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA



Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelly Michaels, City Clerk

Approved by City Council:

Date: 7/8/25

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney