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Re: City of Caddo Mills Home Rule Charter Effects On Land Use

1. If the Home Rule Charter proposition passes, can the City unilaterally force annexation on property owners in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?

No. The City is legally precluded from annexing property without the consent or request of the property owner.

2. If the Home Rule Charter proposition passes, will this change the effect on voters?

No. The status of voters remains the same. The City is legally precluded from affecting voting rights in the Charter.

3. If the Home Rule Charter proposition passes, does the City's power change so that it can force rules and regulations on property owners in the ETJ?

No. The rules and regulations in the ETJ do not change with passage of the Charter.

4. If the Home Rule Charter proposition passes, does it change properties covered by the City's ETJ?

No. Properties currently included in the City limits and in the ETJ remain the same. The Charter does not affect the city limits or ETJ.

5. If the Home Rule Charter proposition passes, does it change the City's ability to zone properties?

No. The City may only zone property in the City limits. The City cannot legally zone property in the ETJ. The Charter does not affect the zoning of property.

6. If the Home Rule Charter proposition passes, does it change ad valorem taxes on properties in the City limits?

No. City ad valorem taxes legally can only occur in the City limits. There are no City ad valorem taxes in the ETJ. City ad valorem taxes are not affected with passage of the Charter.



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