



Proposed Town of Stem Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

(Frequently Asked Questions)

What is the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)?

The extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) is an area outside the Town's incorporated (municipal) limits, but subject to the Town's zoning and development regulations. North Carolina allows municipalities to establish ETJ areas to be more effective in managing development and to plan for necessary infrastructure (such as water and sewer).

Do property owners in the ETJ pay any additional taxes?

There are no taxes directly associated with the ETJ, property owners in the ETJ do not pay Town taxes.

Is the ETJ inside Town limits?

No, the areas inside the ETJ are not in the Town's incorporated limits and establishing (or even expanding) and ETJ does not annex properties. However, the Town can more readily consider annexation requests from property owners within the Town's ETJ.

What services are provided to the ETJ?

Residents of Stem's ETJ receive the same County services as currently provided to properties in the proposed ETJ area.

Can ETJ residents vote in Town elections?

Residents of Stem's ETJ do not vote for Town Board Members, a member of the Town's Planning Board (that advises the Town Board of Commissioners on planning matters) acts as a representative of the ETJ. The Town Board of Commissioners appoints this individual from the ETJ area.



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