



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Development Services

**ACM:** Cassey Ogden

**DATE:** March 19, 2024

### **SUBJECT**

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton denying Jeffrey Barr and John Barr's petition for removal of property from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Denton and denying the City's consent to the reduction of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction; and providing an effective date.

### **BACKGROUND**

Senate Bill 2038 (SB2038) was signed into law in May 2023 allowing for petition for removal from the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). SB 2038 is an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority because pursuant to Section 42.023 of the Texas Local Government Code, the ETJ of the City may only be reduced if the City Council has exercised its legislative authority to consent to the reduction of the City's ETJ and pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution, landowners may not be delegated the legislative authority to remove their property from the City's ETJ without the consent of the City Council. Therefore, the petitions for removal from the ETJ are invalid if the City Council denies its consent. Approval of this resolution has the effect of denying consent to removal from the ETJ.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Approve
2. Deny
4. Postpone Item.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends denying Jeffrey Barr and John Barr's petition for removal of property from the extraterritorial jurisdiction

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

September 2023- City Council held a work session on SB 2038

### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet  
Exhibit 2 - Draft Resolution

Respectfully submitted:  
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