Amended and Restated Service Plan for Parkdale Metropolitan District Nos. 1-3

White Bear Ankele Tanaka & Waldron

Megan J. Murphy, Esq.





Historical Context

- Model Service Plan for Parkdale Metropolitan District Nos. 1-3 was approved by the Board of Trustees on October 24, 2017 (the "Original Service Plan").
- First Amendment to the Original Service Plan was approved by the Board of Trustees on August 27, 2019 (the "First Amendment").
- Now, the Developer is requesting the Board of Trustees approve the Amended and Restated Service Plan for Parkdale Metropolitan District Nos. 1-3 (the "Amended Service Plan"). The Amended Service Plan will supersede and replace in its entirety the Original Service Plan and the First Amendment.

Original Service Plan

- Project Size: 250 acres
- Cost of Public Improvements: \$22,145,000
- Debt Limit \$30 million
- Maximum Mill Levy: 50 mills
- Fees are not allowed without the consent of the Town.
- Operations and Maintenance of Public Improvements by the District was prohibited. This structure requires a homeowners association which is not subject tot oversight by the Town.

Amended Service Plan

- Project Size: 431 acres
- Cost of Public Improvements: \$108,371,000
- Debt Limit \$100 million
- Maximum Mill Levy: 50 for Debt, 15 for Operations and Maintenance
- Fees are allowed for covenant enforcement, design review services, and landscape maintenance and snow removal.
- Operations and Maintenance of Public Improvements not dedicated to the Town or another public entity is permitted.

Service Plan Mill Levy Trends

	Maximum Debt Mill Levy	Maximum Operations & Maintenance Mill Levy	Maximum Mill Levy	Jurisdiction	Date of Approval
Home Place Metropolitan District	50 mills	None – unlimited		Thornton	February 27, 2018
Haskins Station Metropolitan District	50 mills	None – unlimited		Arvada	September 17, 2018
Hance Ranch Metropolitan District	60 mills	None – unlimited		Wheat Ridge	August 26, 2019
Trails at Crowfoot Metropolitan District No. 1	57 mills	10 mills		Parker	June 17, 2019
Painted Prairie Metropolitan Districts Nos. 10- 12	50 mills	None – unlimited		Aurora	August 5, 2019
Lanterns Metropolitan District Nos. 1-5	63.6 mills	11 mills		Castle Rock	August 21, 2018
Brennan Metropolitan District	50 mills		50 mills	Erie	March 22, 2016

Operations and Maintenance

- The Original Service Plan required that one or more homeowners associations be formed to own, operate and maintain: all parks, recreation amenities facilities, roadway landscaping including landscaping tracts, open space, detention ponds, storm drainage, and raw water ponds.
- The Amended Service Plan allows the Districts to own, operate and maintenance any Public Improvements that are not dedicated to the Town or other public entity.
- The Districts need the separate operations and maintenance mill levy to fund their operations and maintenance.

Market Value	Assessed Value	Mill Levy	Taxes Paid	Property Taxes Paid Per Month
\$450,000	\$32,175	15 mills	\$482.62	\$40.22

Benefits of metropolitan districts compared to homeowners associations

- Publicly accountable (public meetings, open records, elected Board) very similar to the City.
- Ability to impose ad valorem property taxes to pay for public improvements. Ad valorem
 property taxes are tax deductible to residents and can be collected through the County
 Assessor at a low cost. Metro Districts often achieve 100% collection rates because they
 have the power to impose a tax lien.
- Ability to finance public improvements over long period of time which presents a savings to residents who can pay for public improvements over time instead of upfront in the purchase price of their home.
- Ability to issue tax-exempt bonds with a lower interest rate than private funding or taxable bonds.
- Sophisticated insurance pool resulting in lower insurance costs.
- Governmental immunity.
- As a local government, the Metro District is exempt from State sales and use tax when purchasing supplies and equipment resulting in lower construction costs.

Debt Parameters

- Debt Limit for all three Districts is \$100 million.
- Maximum Debt Mill Levy: 50 mills.
- Maximum Debt Mill Levy Imposition Term: 40 years, unless residents of the District authorize a longer term.
- External Financial Advisor Certificate is required for any Privately Placed Debt.
- Prior to issuing Debt, the Districts are required to provide the Town with the opinion of bond counsel stating the Debt satisfies the requirements of the Service Plan.
- Debt proceeds cannot be used to reimburse the Developer for acquisition of right-of-way, easements, water rights, land for prudent drainage, parkland, or open space.

Notices Provided to Homebuyers

- 1. Real estate purchase contracts disclose that the home is in special taxing district.
- 2. Order and Decree organizing the Districts have been recorded.
- 3. Disclosure Notice required by the Original Service Plan has been recorded.
- 4. Section 32-1-104.8, C.R.S. notices showing the District boundaries have been recorded. This notice is updated when the District boundaries change.
- 5. Section 32-1-809, C.R.S. transparency notice with information about the Board of Directors, mill levies, and election dates are available online at https://www.sdaco.org/ and https://www.sdaco.org/ and https://dola.colorado.gov/lgis/. This notice is completed each year.
- 6. Notice of Board meetings are required to be posted in the boundaries of the Districts or on a designated District website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Board of Trustee Findings Regarding the Amended Service Plan (§ 32-1-203, C.R.S.)

- There is sufficient existing and projected need for organized service in the area to be serviced by the proposed special district;
- The existing service in the area to be served by the proposed special district is inadequate for present and projected needs;
- The proposed special district is capable of providing economical and sufficient service to the area within their proposed boundaries; and
- The area to be included within the proposed special district has, or will have, the financial ability to discharge the proposed indebtedness on a reasonable basis.

Benefits of approving the Amended Service Plan

- The Districts will be providing Public Improvements where no other public entity is willing or able to do so.
- The Districts will be able to own, operation, and maintain Public Improvements for the benefit of their taxpayers, property owners, and residents.
- The Districts are local governments that are governed by an elected Board of Directors which are accountable to the taxpayers, property owners, and residents of the Districts.
- The land has remained undeveloped for some time. The Amended Service Plan along with the Development Agreement for Parkdale are necessary for this great project to begin development.