

May 23, 2003

St. Louis County Boundary Commission  
1516 South Brentwood Boulevard – Suite 101  
St. Louis, Missouri 63144

Re: St. Louis County comments regarding petitioned annexation by the City of Florissant  
(Area 10).

Dear Members:

The St. Louis County Department of Planning would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the position of St. Louis County Government regarding this petitioned annexation and to offer some additional comments for the record.

As was stated at the Commission's April 22, 2003 Public Hearing, St Louis County Government recognizes the fact that over 75 percent of the registered voters of the area have indicated their desire to be part of Florissant. County Government does not oppose their petition.

Based upon a review of the Plan of Intent submitted by the City of Florissant for the proposed annexation, the Department wishes to offer the following comments regarding tax rates that will affect citizens and businesses in the area to be annexed. The City of Florissant currently does not impose a municipal property tax within its jurisdiction. Thus, the current property tax rate for this area will remain the same. However, it should be noted that as recently as 1997 Florissant imposed a municipal tax rate of \$0.08 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation on real and personal property. For the record it should also be noted that the proposed annexation area is situated in two tax districts with a total 2002 tax rate of \$8.526 or \$8.586 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation. The \$7.716 rate reported in the Plan of Intent is not correct.

The current Florissant utility tax rate is \$0.03, while the unincorporated St. Louis County rate is \$0.05. The City of Florissant had a utility tax rate of \$0.07 as recently as 1996. While State Statute restricts St. Louis County from raising its rate, municipalities do not face this same limitation.

After annexation, sales tax on any purchases made within the area to be annexed will increase from \$.06075 to \$.06825. Thus, sales tax on the purchase of a \$20,000 vehicle will increase by \$150. (without a trade-in). The City of Florissant's Plan of Intent omitted this example, which it had included in the Plan of Intent for the previously approved petitioned annexation for Map Plan Area 12.

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It should also be noted that the Plan of Intent states that a St. Louis County Traffic Generation Assessment Trust Fund does not exist in this area. This information is incorrect. The area proposed to be annexed is located in the New Halls Ferry Road Corridor Traffic Generation Assessment Trust Fund district.

If there is any further information that we can provide, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn A. Powers".

Glenn A. Powers  
Director of Planning

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cc: Honorable Robert Lowery  
Mayor of Florissant