

City of Ballwin

Memo

To: Eric Hanson, City Administrator

From: Thomas H. Aiken, AICP, Assistant City Administrator / City Planner 

Date: 9/7/15

Re: Request for annexation

There is an irregularly shaped island of unincorporated land between the municipal limits of Ballwin and Clarkson Valley near the northwest corner of the city. The island is mostly within the Clarkson Rd. (MoDOT maintenance) right-of-way, but it also includes a single lot occupied by a residence. The residential lot is on the east side of Clarkson Rd. adjacent to the south line of Williamsburg Green subdivision. The boundaries of the unincorporated island are shown on the enclosed map. Eliminating this island would remove a police patrol issue that is caused by the irregular shape of the municipal and county lines which sometimes make it difficult to decide in which jurisdiction an accident has occurred.

Under Missouri law there are two ways this island can be annexed by an adjoining city. The more complicated process involves submitting a petition to the St. Louis County Boundary Commission. That process involves a public hearing, a majority vote of all residents of the annexing area, acceptance of the annexation by a majority of the voters in the annexing municipality and typically 1-2 years of time. The other alternative is called the simplified annexation procedure. The critical issue here is the mutual agreement of all property owners within the island, the board of the annexing municipality and the county council. With all principles in agreement, the owners of the property sign off in support of the annexation, the city passes an ordinance annexing the property, the county passes an ordinance allowing the annexation and it is accomplished. There is no involvement of the Boundary Commission and no expensive votes are necessary.

The residential property is owned by George and Kerry Stumpf. Historically representatives of both Ballwin and Clarkson Valley have approached the Stumpfs about annexation. This was done most recently by former Alderman Mark Harder. Up to this point the Stumpfs have not been interested, but I recently received a telephone call from Ms. Stumpf in which she indicated that she and her husband were now interested in annexation into Ballwin. I asked that she put her request in written form for presentation to the Board. The note on the attached letter to the Stumpfs from former City Administrator Kuntz was received on August 29, 2015 with the hand written note indicating the Stumpf's interest.

With the expressed interest of the Stumpfs, the primary hurdle to this annexation has been cleared. Assuming the board is interested in pursuing this matter, the only remaining issue is St. Louis County's agreement. I have not pursued this matter with a representative of the county pending Board direction.

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February 3, 2011

George and Kerry Stumpf
270 Clarkson Rd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Dear Mr. and Ms. Stumpf:

As I am sure you know, your home is situated in a small pocket of unincorporated St. Louis County sandwiched between Ballwin and Clarkson Valley. In addition to your property, this unincorporated area also includes a substantial portion of the northbound Clarkson Rd. right-of-way extending most of the way north toward the intersection with Kehrs Mill Rd. This irregular configuration of city limits lines places adjacent portions of Clarkson Rd. in Ballwin, St. Louis County and Clarkson Valley. When roadway accidents occur, it is frequently difficult for the responding police officers to quickly and easily determine what agency has jurisdiction. It is agreed by all three entities that this problem could most easily be eliminated by adding the unincorporated area to the territory of one of the two cities.

The Ballwin Board of Aldermen has instructed me to begin the process of annexing this unincorporated pocket into Ballwin. Doing this would move Ballwin's city limits line to the center of Clarkson Rd. and greatly simplify the jurisdictional confusion. The easiest way to accomplish this boundary adjustment is for Ballwin, St. Louis County and you to agree to this change. That would allow for Ballwin and St. Louis County to pass ordinances accomplishing the adjustment to the boundary lines.

If you are opposed to Ballwin annexing this unincorporated island, please let me know as soon as possible (636-227-8599) and Ballwin will take no additional action on this matter. If I have not heard from you by February 18, 2011, I will assume that you are in agreement with the annexation proposal. In that case, no action on your part will be necessary at the time, but I will be asking you to sign a letter soon thereafter stating your agreement with the annexation proposal.

If you have any question on this matter please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely:

Robert Kuntz,
City Administrator

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Dear Mr. Aiken,

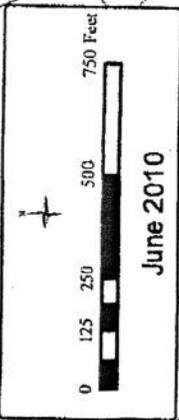
8/27/15

Per our phone conversation last month.
We are good to go forward with this.
Please feel free to contact us @ 636-391-392
with any questions. Regards.

George & Kerry Stumpf

Ball Boundary along Clarkson Rd
Per legal descripts 1976 and 1981 annexations.

Municipal Boundary
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