

From: ALAN ESTES
To: O'Brien, Kevin M. (LARA)
Subject: State Boundary Commission Docket #12-AP-1
Date: Thursday, January 03, 2013 12:17:41 PM

I object to the proposed annexation. My wife and I are both retired and the large increase in taxes and the astronomical charges to hook up to water and sewer would be disastrous to us. Further, we wouldn't be able to sell our house with this hanging over a potential buyer's head. I've lived in this house for 23 years and have paid school taxes--and some other non-township taxes, even though I have never had children in Saline Schools. I've always been fine with that, but the additional taxes and charges would be difficult.

Alan H. Estes


1 1/2 acres

Mr. O'Brien, Thank you for your attention.

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December 24th, 2012

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State of Michigan Boundary Commission
P. O. Box 30254
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RE: Docket #12-AP-1

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Dear Commission:

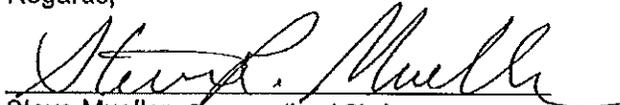
This letter comes as a result of Keystone Community Church (Saline, Michigan) petitioning to be annexed into the City of Saline (Michigan). Christ Our King Lutheran Church (which resides along Waterworks road within the boundaries of Lodi Township on nine acres), was made aware of this petition in November 2012.

Since its beginning in 1979, Christ Our King has enjoyed a positive, amenable, and reciprocal relationship with Lodi Township. This was especially true when it came to working with the township on our five additions, the latest coming in 2002. During those years of additions, Christ Our King decided to invest significant dollars to update its septic and water system in order to provide surplus capacity for the anticipated growth years.

Christ Our King Lutheran Church's administrative body (representing 172 families plus from the Saline area) voted unanimously on December 11, 2012 to support the thirteen neighbors and fellow residents in requesting that the annexation be denied with the hope that this would encourage Keystone Community Church's leadership to work together with the City of Saline and Lodi Township for the benefit of ALL the landowners that could be negatively affected by the annexation.

Thank you!

Regards,


Steve Mueller, *Congregational Chairman*


Dean Wachholz, *Assoc. Pastor/Operations Mgr.*

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State Boundary Commission,

My name is Michael R. Voss, living at 3321 Saline Waterworks Rd, Lodi Township, Saline, Michigan. For the record, I join my neighbors in our desire to remain residents of Lodi Township. However, I must say that I love Saline and the surrounding area- the residents, the rural small town atmosphere, the school system, etc. These are some of the reasons I chose to make this my home. I was able to purchase my home in 1987, in part because of the tax rate the township provides.

But this, to me, is not primarily a "tax issue." It revolves around being forced to be annexed to the City of Saline, leading to other issues. If required to join the city, not only would I have to pay for my frontage portion of the sewer and waterlines to be installed, pay to be "hooked-up" to these lines (that I partially paid for), pay to have my well and drainfield "capped to code", but then PAY for said sewer and water- when I have a septic field and well that are more than adequate for my house! (Add to that- my yearly taxes will initially increase about \$3,000, with inevitable increases to follow.)

I ask for a logical, caring, passionate, forthright, neighborly view of this unnecessary annexation. I am aware that we are but a few homeowners, but I ask the commission to do the RIGHT THING. May you realize that an annexation would greatly affect two businesses, citizens on fixed incomes due to health issues and citizens whose financial positions would be unnecessarily altered negatively. It is my hope, along with my neighbors, that the annexation process be focused solely on the request from Keystone Community Church (KCC).

May it also be noted that I have absolutely nothing against KCC! They provide a wonderful service to the community, the youth in the area, and the parishoners (of which I have been one since KCC's inception in Saline). They (we), as a church, had no intention of involving neighbors in a forced annexation to the City of Saline, exposing them to the City's inflexibility, nor causing its impending financial repercussions.

I, as well as Pastor Ken Gilmore and KCC, wish that the commission and the City of Saline focus ONLY on the KCC's request of necessary annexation to the City of Saline for needed sewer and water for future expansion; leaving the other property's position status quo, thereby allowing us to exist without lingering hard feelings toward Saline. We all love Saline!

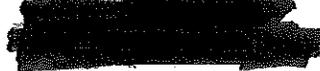
There has to be an avenue in which to seamlessly annex KCC to the City of Saline and put this whole unnecessary, cumbersome and time-consuming ordeal to rest. To that end, we all rely on your wisdom, knowledge and logic.

Sincerely and Respectfully,



Michael R. Voss

Any and All Question:



From: Catalina Concha
To: O'Brien, Kevin M. (LARA)
Subject: Docket# 12-AP-1 (Parcels Petition Letter)
Date: Friday, January 04, 2013 4:43:42 PM

January 4, 2013

Dear State Boundary Commission,

My name is Michael Ormsby and I currently live with my wife Ana Ormsby in 3311 Saline Waterworks Rd. We are sending this letter because we are strongly opposed to the proposed annexation petition (parcels along Saline – Ann Arbor rd and Saline Waterworks Rd). The annexation proposal would deeply impact our family's life style and we have pressing financial concerns. Talking to our neighbors being impacted by the proposal, we learned about their concerns as well. We are providing you with facts and thoughts on the issue below.

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We are very satisfied with the cost efficient services and perks that Lodi Township provides us. We are also pleased being able to have our own well/septic systems and being able to choose a trash service according to our needs and preferences. Having to change our system to city water and sewer would represent a major financial burden on our family (and members of the community being affected) since we would need to finance the new hookups and systems. We acquired estimates by professional which are several thousands of dollars. To our family, this represents hardship especially given that there is no need to change a functional system that is already in place.

Given our considerations and the concerns of other parcel owners (our neighbors), we must oppose the annexation. The Parcels belong in Lodi Township where they successfully serve as an important part of the township community. We are pleased and benefit from the current services and taxes of Lodi Township which are appropriate for this type of parcels. The annexation would create a significant financial and tax burden on our family and others affected. In addition, it would force us to change our systems to city services which are not needed or wanted. We remain hopeful that Lodi Township, the City of Saline and Keystone Community Church can work together to resolve this matter without unnecessarily burdening our family and neighbors. We ask the commission to deny the petition given our reasons and the concerns of our neighbors (parcel owners).

Please contact me or my wife at [REDACTED] if we can provide additional information. Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mike E. Ormsby and Ana C. Ormsby

From: womanhydro@aol.com
To: [O'Brien, Kevin M. \(LARA\)](#)
Subject: Docket #12-AP-1
Date: Monday, December 10, 2012 2:33:22 PM

December 10, 2012

Alan and Martha Estes


Re: Docket #12-AP-1

Dear Mr. Brienk,

We are very concerned and opposed to being forced into the City of Saline. There is no objection to Keystone Church expanding and using city water and sewer on their own hooking up to the subdivision directly behind them.

Our septic and water system is working fine and we are pleased with it. During 2011-2012 we spent \$3,000 for upgrades and maintenance on the systems and they work very efficiently.

To force us into the City of Saline would be unbearable to pay the extra taxes and the hassle and great amount of money to hook up to water and sewer we don't need or want. Being on a fixed income (due to age and health problems) the extra burden of money we would have to pay would put us in the red. Trying to sell our home after living here 23 years would be emotional and not feasible in the market today. Especially to try and sell a home with a huge tax burden on it and to get enough money for us to relocate at a comparable location with the acreage we have now. It would be devastating.

Someone in the meeting stated that it would not be possible to have Keystone Church hook up on their own to the subdivision directly behind them. It is only a matter of several yards away but that it would create an "island". We already are an "island"---precedent has been set up many many years ago. Why would it matter now? The Keystone Church is more than happy to expand and hook up to the subdivision behind them. The only reasons I can see is the City would love to rake in the tax dollars. We as home owners would be forced to live beyond our means to pay for someone else's desire. This is not a bright spot in retirement after many years of working hard to have a home to live in to garden and enjoy our yard.

Please consider the majority of the people wanting to stay in the township. Allow Keystone Church to hook up with the subdivision behind them. In reality, it could be done a lot easier with no hassles or concerns if you would look at the big picture.

Summary: 1) Opposed to being annexed into the City of Saline with no benefit to us as a home owner 2) Dislike the hardship financially and the hassle of hooking up to city sewer and water. 3) No opposition to Keystone Church expanding and hooking up to the subdivision behind them leaving us out of their needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our feelings on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan H. Estes
Martha J. Estes

From: [Martha Estes](#)
To: [O'Brien, Kevin M. \(LARA\)](#)
Subject: Docket #12-AP-1
Date: Thursday, January 03, 2013 11:46:07 AM

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

I am writing in regards to opposing Keystone Church.

The address is: 3333 Saline Waterworks Road, Saline, MI 48176. The property is 1.5 acres. If we were to be annexed into the City of Saline our lifestyle would change dramatically. We would not be able to afford the increased taxes or the installation of the water and sewer. Even if we could sustain the increase I understand we would have to destroy our well. I have a huge organic garden and would hate to use chemically treated water on my vegetables. Therefore I am very opposed to Keystone Church proposals.

Thank you for letting me voice my vote on State Boundary Commission Docket #12-AP-1.

Sincerely,

Martha J Estes

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From: [REDACTED]
To: O'Brien, Kevin M. (LARA)
Subject: Fwd: State Boundry Commission - Docket #12-AP-1
Date: Friday, January 04, 2013 4:23:31 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
To: ObrienK <ObrienK@michigan.gov>
Sent: Fri, Jan 4, 2013 4:21 pm
Subject: Re: State Boundry Commission - Docket #12-AP-1

Dear Sir,

For me, looking at the situation from a practical and logical viewpoint, I see nothing but a potential WIN/WIN situation in annexing the Keystone Community Church(KCC) property ONLY to the City of Saline(CofS).

For Lodi Township to release KCC, they would lose nothing in tax revenue, but retain content and happy residents.

For CofS to annex KCC only, it would gain Sewer and Water(S&W) revenue, and avoid gaining possible disgruntled, disappointed, financial-strapped residents.

For KCC, it would have procured necessary S&W capabilities for near-future expansion and not need to add an expensive engineered septic field.

For us, the Lodi Township residents, we would save on the divided cost of approximately \$300-400,000 for instillation of S&W lines, plus "hook-up" fees and "capping costs" for present, FUNCTIONAL, well and septic fields....plus monthly costs for un-needed S&W. We also would not hold potential underlying animosity for being forced into the CofS.

Wise, logical, practical and visionary minds should be able to seamlessly annex KCC ONLY into the CofS. Please find an avenue with which to annex the KCC property ONLY.

Thanking you in advance for this least-traumatic, practical decision.

Sincerely,

Michael Roy Voss

Home
Cell [REDACTED]

(Best)

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: O'Brien, Kevin M. (LARA) (LARA) <ObrienK@michigan.gov>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, Jan 4, 2013 8:21 am
Subject: RE: State Boundry Commission - Docket #12-AP-1

Thank you for sharing your views with the State Boundary Commission

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2013 8:18 AM

To: O'Brien, Kevin M. (LARA)

Subject: State Boundry Commission - Docket #12-AP-1

Dear Sir,

I write to oppose the annexation of all properties in Lodi Township on Saline Waterworks Rd. and N. Saline-Ann Arbor St. into the City of Saline. It is unnecessary for services and financially burdensome and unnecessary w/r/t instillation and taxation.

It is my understanding that my feelings are in agreement w/ most, if not ALL, residents of these properties.

I also feel that, with logical wisdom, if Lodi Township would release the Keystone Comm. Church property, ONLY, to be annexed by the City of Saline....the Sewer & Water could then be provided to them for future expansion. Then, all would be seamlessly, harmlessly and efficiently resolved.

Sincerely,

Michael Roy Voss

Home

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Cell

From: [Dwayne Joppeck](#)
To: [O'Brien, Kevin M. \(LARA\)](#)
Subject: State Boundary Commission - Docket #12-AP-1
Date: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 8:46:23 PM

Docket #12-AP-1

Dear Kevin O'Brien and the State Boundary Commission,

Please enter the contents of this email into the public comments regarding the State Boundary Commission's Docket #12-AP-1.

First, I would like to officially express my family's opposition to the proposed annexation of our property into the City of Saline.

My wife and I own the 1.5 acres that we live on. All of my family are register voters so my household consists of four (4) registered voters in opposition to the annexation.

Next, I would like to state that the following have expressed opposition when we met, privately, to discuss this annexation petition:

Joppeck: 4 voters, 2 owners at [REDACTED] Saline Waterworks Road
Estes: 2 voters, 2 owners at [REDACTED] Saline Waterworks Road
Voss: 1 voter, 1 owner at [REDACTED] Saline Waterworks Road
Lewis: 2 voters, 2 owners at [REDACTED] North Ann Arbor Street
Ormsby: 2 voters, 2 owners at [REDACTED] Saline Waterworks Road
Kelly: 2 voters, 2 owners at [REDACTED] North Ann Arbor Street
Stemm: 1 voter, 1 owner at [REDACTED] North Ann Arbor Street
Christ Our King Church: 1 owner at [REDACTED] Saline Waterworks Road
Northstar Montessori: 1 owner at [REDACTED] North Ann Arbor Street

The above are in opposition to the petition that was presented by Keystone Community Church, which represents only 1 owner against multiple owners/voters.

There are 16 properties included in the proposed annexation which includes:
12 residences,
2 businesses: *Northstar Montessori & Saline Picture Frame Company*,
2 churches: *Keystone Community Church & Christ Our King Church*.

Based upon the above the petition for annexation into the City of Saline should be rejected by the State Boundary Commission because it fails to include the approval of the ownership of the required 75 percent of the land as stated in the title: "**ANNEXATION PETITION BY OWNERS OF AT LEAST 75% OF THE LAND**" This 75% requirement was only true when it was just the property of the Keystone Community Church that was being considered.

Additionally, the petition does not enjoy the support of "*20 percent of the registered electors who reside in the area proposed for annexation*" as stated in "Method #4" of the *ANNEXATION PROCEDURE* by the State Boundary Commission.

Furthermore, none of the other methods from the *ANNEXATION PROCEDURE* by the State Boundary Commission are applicable, either, considering the overwhelming opposition by those who reside in the area proposed for annexation.

Lastly, to be forced to participate in an annexation into the City of Saline represents a case of taxation without representation because the property taxes within the City of Saline include the following

millages that we citizens of Lodi Township have never been able to neither vote on nor represent before the Saline City Council:

13.3544 mills, City of Saline
0.5490 mills, Operating
1.6266 mills, Street Debt

The above represents a total millage of 15.5300 that would be unfairly levied against those who are forcefully annexed into the City of Saline.

One concluding point is that to allow a single owner (Keystone Community Church) to cut off a finger of Lodi Township and thereby forcefully annex the occupants of said finger of land is an abuse of power by that single property owner and amounts to a tactic which could be employed against countless citizens throughout this great state of Michigan - this is not good governance and should be avoided to prevent ruthless owners from harassing their neighbors who might find themselves in a similar state that I find myself.

The needs of Keystone Community Church can better be served at the local level between Lodi Township and the City of Saline officials in a peaceful annexation. This may produce another Lodi Township island but time will eventually allow the peaceful annexation of all these islands.

Note: I have not been asked to represent the neighbors above but I am sure that I truthfully represent their opposition to the petition for annexation into the City of Saline.

Please reply back to acknowledge the receipt of this email.

Thanks.

Dwayne Joppeck on behalf of myself and
Kim Joppeck, my wife
Michelle Joppeck, my daughter
Sarah Joppeck, my daughter

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Kelly, Douglas W.
To: O'Brien, Kevin M. (LARA)
Subject: Request for annexation into the City of Saline by Keystone Church
Date: Thursday, January 03, 2013 12:04:55 PM

Mr. O'Brien:

My name is Douglas Kelly, I am a current resident of Lodi township near the City of Saline.

I am writing this letter to voice my opposition to the annexation request by Keystone Church to go into the City of Saline.

If their request is granted, it would cause my property to also be brought into the City of Saline.

Besides liking the rural benefits that Lodi Township offers, my family cannot possibly afford the tax increases moving into the City would cost us.

Thank you for your attention.

Douglas Kelly

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From: Kelly, Douglas W.
To: O'Brien, Kevin M. (LARA)
Subject: State Boundary Commission Docket #12-AP-1
Date: Friday, January 04, 2013 4:35:56 PM

Mr. O'Brien:

This letter is to object to the proposed annexation of the proposed properties into the City of Saline.

There seems to be no logical reasoning why they should except for the benefit of Keystone Church.

The parcels currently receive all governmental services through Lodi Township. The township offers a very efficient, cost efficient method of servicing its residents. Residents are responsible for their own water and trash services (The island on Saline -Ann Arbor Rd. are currently paying the city for water at 3 times the city rate). The township relies on the county for emergency services. We have a great recycling plan in Lodi, but instead of door to door service, we have monthly drop-offs. This is the way that Lodi successfully and efficiently services its residents.

There is no reason to increase future services. By approving an annexation however, a significant burden would be placed on a majority of the Parcels. The homes on Saline Water Works Rd. currently are on a well/septic system. Changing to city water and sewer would put a significant financial burden on the Parcels as they would have to pay for the new hookups and systems. Professional estimates have priced this burden well into five figures. There is no need to create this burden when existing services are adequate.

The increase in taxes on the Parcels would be dramatic. The Lodi Township millage rate for 2011 was 29.5698. The City of Saline's rate at that time was 44.1403. That represents nearly a 50% increase in taxes for the Parcels. This proposed increase would place an unnecessary financial burden on the Owners, some of whom are on fixed incomes and tight budgets. The Owners do not desire additional services or taxes. We purchased the Parcels knowing that we were buying into the efficiencies of the township way of life; purchase prices paid reflected this as well. The increase in taxes unnecessarily penalizes the Owners.

Based on the foregoing considerations, the We must oppose the annexation. The Parcels belong in Lodi Township where they successfully serve as an important part of the township community. The current services and taxes of Lodi Township are appropriate for the Parcels. The annexation would create a significant financial and tax burden on the Owners and would extend them city services that they do not want nor need. We remain hopeful that Lodi Township, the City of Saline and Keystone Community Church can work together to resolve this matter without unnecessarily burdening the Owners. As for the petition, we ask the commission to deny it for the aforementioned reasons.

Thank you for your attention

Douglas, Kirsten, Cameron, Chase and Reagan Kelly

[REDACTED]

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From: [Dean Wachholz](#)
To: [O'Brien, Kevin M. \(LARA\)](#)
Subject: Objection to Proposed Annexation
Date: Thursday, January 03, 2013 10:45:38 AM
Importance: High

January 3rd, 2013

Kevin O'Brien

SUBJECT: State Boundary Commission Docket #12-AP-1

Christ Our King Lutheran Church (9 acres along Waterworks road, Lodi Township) opposes the annexation petition by Keystone Community Church of Lodi Township, Saline, Michigan.

Thank You.

Dean C. Wachholz, Associate Pastor/Operations Manger
Christ Our King Lutheran Church-LCMS
3255 Waterworks Road
Saline, Michigan 48176


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(via email to: obrienk@michigan.gov)

January 4, 2013

RE: Docket #12-AP-1

To Whom It May Concern,

The parcels along Saline - Ann Arbor Rd. and Saline Water Works Rd. that are the subject of the annexation petition (the "Parcels") currently exist as a significant piece of Lodi Township. The owners of the Parcels (the "Owners") are an equally important part of the township community. We are vehemently opposed to the proposed annexation and wish to share our reasons for that opposition.

Population Density & Land Uses

The densities and uses of the Parcels are significantly different from the adjoining city parcels. The Parcels, particularly those on Saline Water Works Road, are larger, less dense and more agrarian than the city lots in the area that consist primarily of subdivisions. The Parcels are similar to those of Lodi Township, not the City of Saline.

Future Growth

There is no significant chance of future growth in the Parcels. Certainly if the Parcels were vacant land or targeted for future development, then city zoning, city uses and city services might make sense. That could not be farther from the case here. The parcels are already

occupied by single-family homes or small businesses consistent with the lots in the township. Any future growth would be very difficult.

Cost and Adequacy of Governmental Services/ Future Needs to Services

The Parcels currently receive all governmental services through Lodi Township. The township offers a very efficient, cost efficient method of servicing its residents. Residents are responsible for their own water and trash services (The island on Saline -Ann Arbor Rd. are currently paying the city for water at 3 times the city rate). The township relies on the county for emergency services. We have a great recycling plan in Lodi, but instead of door to door service, we have monthly drop-offs. This is the way that Lodi successfully and efficiently services its residents.

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Effect on Community

The Parcels identify with Lodi Township much more than the City of Saline. That might appear to be odd given that we are geographically neighbors, however, the city and some of its residents have treated the Township residents, particularly those in the existing island on Ann Arbor St., differently. Due to this, we are very aware that our geographic neighbors are actually much more distant than the space between our homes and businesses. The township is our community, and there is no need to divide it.

Based on the foregoing considerations, the Owners must oppose the annexation. The Parcels belong in Lodi Township where they successfully serve as an important part of the township community. The current services and taxes of Lodi Township are appropriate for the Parcels. The annexation would create a significant financial and tax burden on the Owners and would extend them city services that they do not want nor need. We remain hopeful that Lodi Township, the City of Saline and Keystone Community Church can work together to resolve this matter without unnecessarily burdening the Owners. As for the petition, we ask the commission to deny it for the aforementioned reasons.

Sincerely,

The Owners



A Catalina Ormsby <acormsby@umich.edu>

FW: Docket#12-AP-1 (Parcels Petition Letter)

1 message

Catalina Concha <[REDACTED]>
To: Ana O <acormsby@umich.edu>

Fri, Jan 4, 2013 at 4:52 PM

From: [REDACTED]
To: obrienk@michigan.gov
Subject: Docket#12-AP-1 (Parcels Petition Letter)
Date: Fri, 4 Jan 2013 21:43:39 +0000

January 4, 2013

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Given our considerations and the concerns of other parcel owners (our neighbors), we must oppose the annexation. The Parcels belong in Lodi Township where they successfully serve as an important part of the township community. We are pleased and benefit from the current services and taxes of Lodi Township which are appropriate for this type of parcels. The annexation would create a significant financial and tax burden on our family and others affected. In addition, it would force us to change our systems to city services which are not needed or wanted. We remain hopeful that Lodi Township, the City of Saline and Keystone Community Church can work together to resolve this matter without unnecessarily burdening our family and neighbors. We ask the commission to deny the petition given our reasons and the concerns of our neighbors (parcel owners).

Please contact me or my wife at [REDACTED] if we can provide additional information. Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mike E. Ormsby and Ana C. Ormsby



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Re: State Boundary Commission Docket #12-AP-1 – Washtenaw County

Dear Boundary Commissioners:

The Keystone Church (the "Church") filed a petition with the State Boundary Commission requesting that property it owns be annexed to the City of Saline (the "City"). The Church property is located in Lodi Township. The Church is seeking connection to the City's water and sanitary sewer service. The City has remained neutral with respect to the annexation. The State Boundary Commission has asked, as an alternative to completing the annexation process, if the City would reconsider this longstanding policy limiting connection to City water and sanitary sewer services to property within the City jurisdiction, and permit the church to connect to the City's service.

On June 21, 1976, the City Council adopted a resolution reaffirming the City's policy "that no sewer and water services shall be granted to lands lying outside the city limits unless and until said lands have become annexed to the City." This decision was made, in part, on the City Council's position that those property owners receiving the benefits of City water and sanitary sewer service should, in addition to the rates and fees for such service, pay to support the City.

At its December 17, 2012, meeting, the City Council considered the State Boundary Commission's inquiry about changing the City's water and sanitary sewer service policy. At that meeting, the City Council again reaffirmed the policy, noting that permitting properties to receive vital municipal services and other benefits without taking on the additional obligations was not in the best interest of the City's residents who have directly and indirectly paid for the treatment facilities collection and distribution systems. They directly paid for those facilities and systems through rates, fees and charges. They indirectly paid for them by pledging their full faith and credit to debt incurred to construct them, by foregoing taxes on property on which the facilities are located, by committing significant portions of practical debt limits to their support, by enduring the construction to lay, maintain and improve the lines, etc.

In addition, the Council believes it is important to uniformly apply the City policy. Therefore, the City does not intend to make an exception for the church, despite the fact it would not pay

property tax if annexed. Such an exception at this time might encourage others to request similar exceptions in the future.

The City Council believes that City water and sanitary sewer service should be provided to property within the City's corporate boundaries and making an exception for the church would undermine the City's long-standing policy. Accordingly, at this time the City will not change its policy. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

CITY OF SALINE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd J. Campbell', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, extending to the right of the line.

Todd J. Campbell
City Manager