

Dear Mayor:

I am writing to express the McCracken Fiscal Court's concern with the City's proposed policy implementation of annexing minimum numbers of properties located within McCracken County, outside of the City limits. I write now because I see that the City intends to implement such policy by vote tonight.

For purposes of this letter, when I refer to County property, I am referring to property within McCracken County but outside of the City of Paducah.

The County receives revenue from property located within the County. It receives property tax from residential property owners. It receives property tax, payroll tax, and some net profits tax from commercial property in the County. If the City implements a policy designed to annex County property into the City, the County then loses that revenue and the City gains it.

The County and City have developed, in my first three years of service as Judge Executive, an unprecedented level of cooperation and working together for mutual benefit. I am confident you and your Commission agree.

I am aware of the City's longstanding program of providing incentives for businesses to be voluntarily annexed from the County, into the City. The proposal of setting a goal of a minimum number of annexations goes far beyond that policy.

Simply put, the City targeting a goal of taking a set minimum number of County properties from our tax rolls will cause us to lose substantial revenue. And it will occur just as we are beginning to make headway in our financial position that has been in poor condition for many years.

I ask that you reconsider this policy. I don't want the City-County excellent relationship to be impacted by this.

Respectfully,

Judge Clymer