

Rezoning Protest Petition Information

Who May Object to a Rezoning?

Anyone may attend a Public Hearing held by the Planning and Zoning Commission or the City Council on a rezoning to hear information presented, ask questions, and speak for or against the rezoning proposal. Anyone may object to a rezoning of property at the public hearings held by the Planning and Zoning Commission or the City Council, or by sending a letter addressed to the Department of Planning and Development at 840 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. All non-binding objections to a rezoning carry the weight of public opinion unless the objection is in the form of a legally binding protest petition, as explained below.

What is a Legally Binding Protest Petition?

A legally binding protest petition is a notarized petition submitted by any property owner within 185 feet of the proposed rezoning. If property owners representing at least thirty percent (30%) of the total square footage of property within 185 feet of the proposed rezoning submit legally binding protest petitions, state law requires that a minimum of two-thirds of all members of the legislative body—in Springfield, six (6) out of the nine (9) members of City Council—is necessary to approve the proposed rezoning.

Who Should Sign a Legally Binding Protest Petition?

If you oppose the proposed rezoning and you own property that is all or partially within 185 feet of the proposed rezoning, you may sign a legally binding protest petition. If you have received a letter from the Planning and Development Department notifying you of the public hearings at the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council, then you own property within 185 feet and are eligible to submit a legally binding protest petition. Please fill out the petition and return prior to City Council's vote on the rezoning request.

Return to: City Clerk's Office
 City of Springfield
 840 Boonville Avenue
 Springfield, MO 65802

What to Remember When Signing the Petition:

1. The petition must be signed by all property owners.
2. Each property owner must sign his or her name personally. Spouses cannot sign for each other.
3. A Notary Public must witness each signature.

If you have any questions about this procedure, please call either the City Clerk's Office at 417-864-1653 or the Department of Planning and Development at 417-864-1611.

**ZONING PROTEST PETITION TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

Please take notice that the undersigned property owners acknowledge that they are the owners of either the land (exclusive of streets and alleys) included in such proposed change or within an area determined by line drawn parallel to and one hundred eighty-five (185) feet distance from the boundaries of the district proposed to be changed and that said owners do protest and object to said proposed rezoning of

Planning and Zoning Project Name: _____ or

City Council Bill No. _____ (if applicable).

This protest is given in contemplation of the provisions of City Code and applicable laws. Petitions must be filed with the City Clerk's Office.

1st Owner Information

Name of Owner: (as it Appears on Deed)
Owner(s) Address: (as it Appears on Deed)
Property Address: (if different):
Phone & Email:
Signature:

2nd Owner Information (if needed)

Name of Owner: (as it Appears on Deed)
Owner(s) Address: (as it Appears on Deed)
Property Address: (if different):
Phone & Email:
Signature:

* Please contact Planning & Development at 417-864-1611 to obtain extra signature pages if needed.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL OWNERS OF RECORD MUST SIGN THE PETITION EXACTLY AS SHOWN ON THE DEED FOR THEIR PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REQUIRED THIRTY PERCENT (30%).

IF THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY A TRUST OR OTHER NON-INDIVIDUAL ENTITY, ALL INDIVIDUALS SIGNING THIS PROTEST PETITION MUST INDICATE THEIR AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE OWNERSHIP ENTITY; IF SUCH AUTHORITY IS NOT INDICATED, THIS PETITION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE REQUIRED THIRTY PERCENT (30%):

☐ I hereby affirm that I, _____, am the _____ of the ownership entity listed above and, accordingly, I am authorized to sign on behalf of said ownership entity.

THE NOTARY EXECUTING THIS PETITION MUST WITNESS ALL SIGNATURES.

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF GREENE ss.

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared the above-named person(s) to me known to be the person or persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he (or they) executed the same as his (or their) free act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on the day and year first above written.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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