

Rezoning Protest Petitions 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 Ave., Springfield Missouri, 65801. 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 petition that requires a favorable vote of two-thirds of all the members of the legislative body or six (6) out of the nine (9) City Council members to vote in favor of the rezoning in order for it to be approved. An official zoning protest petition can be submitted to the City Clerk's Office (City Council), but must be signed by the property owners representing at least thirty percent (30%) of the property (total square footage) within 185 feet of the rezoning.

Who Should Sign a Legally Binding Protest Petition?

If you oppose the rezoning and you own property that is all or partly within 185 feet of the 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 you own property within 185 feet. Please fill out the attached petition and return to the City Clerk's Office at 840 Boonville Ave., Springfield Missouri 65802 prior to City Council's vote on the rezoning request.

Return to:

City Clerk's Office
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 Commission Case No. _____, 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.

Printed Name of Owner:	Owner(s) Address:	Property Address (if different):	Owner(s) Signature(s)

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL OWNERS OF RECORD MUST SIGN THE PETITION IN ORDER FOR THEIR PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REQUIRED THIRTY PERCENT (30%).

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.

(SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____