



CITY OF ROCKFORD

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May 2, 2023
Re: 2020 CQR Operation Submission
To Whom it May Concern:

This correspondence pertains to a disagreement regarding the legal boundary used to tabulate the residents of the City of Rockford in the 2020 Census. The information that follows is provided in conjunction with our challenge of the 2020 Census results that were reported by your agency in the Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data release on August 12, 2021.

Our detailed review of the corporate limit shown in the redistricting data identified an area of the city, which was properly annexed on June 1, 2000 and which became operative on August 30, 2000, as falling within an unincorporated part of Blount County, Tennessee. This error is the basis for the city's boundary challenge under the Count Question Resolution program. The legal description of the area in question is more accurately described in Ordinance 06-01-00-010 and is shown on the boundary comparison map (PDF) included with these materials.

The area that was annexed by the City of Rockford in 2000 more or less contains two full census block tabulation areas with the GEOIDs of 470090104001024 and 470090104001027. In the 2020 Census, this area was reported as having a population of 27 people.

Although the housing units and occupants were both available for occupancy on April 1, 2020 and were enumerated in the 2020 Census, we provide the required evidence that the housing units existed.

We obtained addresses of the housing units in the annexed area from the State of Tennessee's Strategic Technology Solutions Next Generation 911 data. These data were gathered by the State Data Center at the University of Tennessee in 2019, prior to the commencement of counting activities, serving as further evidence of the unit's availability for occupancy by April 1, 2020. These addresses are listed in the Address List Template (XLSX) obtained from your website and provided with the documentation materials which we have prepared. We identified 11 housing units within the area.

As further evidence of each unit's availability for occupancy we provide appraisal cards for each housing unit. Each card was obtained from the Division of Property Assessments at the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury. In most cases, the card indicates the year each structure was constructed. When no residential structure is listed, a mobile home was present at the address listed in 2019 when the property was appraised. Again, these records are provided



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to confirm the existence of units which your agency previously enumerated in 2020.

The CQR Participants Guide provides instructions on completing a digital submission and we provide the following materials in accordance with that guidance.

1. Address List
 - a. Address-list-template.xlsx
2. PDF Maps
 - a. Boundary comparison.pdf
 - b. Boundary comparison with blocks.pdf
3. Shapefiles
 - a. cqr20_Rockford_14700064160_changes_incplace.shp
 - b. cqr20_Rockford_14700064160_WholeEntity_incplace.shp
4. Supporting Documentation
 - a. Ordinance_06-01-00-010.pdf
 - b. Appraisal cards (folder)

For ongoing communications regarding the CQR submission for the City of Rockford. I designate the following contact to be an authorized representative for the City of Rockford:

Angie Carrier, Municipal Management & Finance Program Manager, University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service, Angie.Carrier@tennessee.edu, (865) 974-9063.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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Mayor