



Town of Estill Springs

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June 23, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

This correspondence pertains to a disagreement regarding the legal boundary used to tabulate the residents of the Town of Estill Springs, Tennessee 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 limits shown in the redistricting data identified several significant issues. These included multiple discrepancies between the town's adopted boundaries and data published by your agency, as well as an inaccurate depiction of the boundary. In some cases, the schematic representation of the boundaries in the census data prevented a full evaluation of the housing units that were improperly reported as being outside the Town of Estill Springs.

The review identified 10 enacted annexation ordinances which were partially represented or totally excluded from the boundaries shown in the redistricting data. These ordinances were adopted by the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the Town of Estill Springs between 1997 and 2009 in accordance with Tennessee statutes. Ordinances and resolutions were recorded as required and copies of each are provided. Collectively these errors are the basis for the town's boundary challenge under the Count Question Resolution program.

Ordinances for each affected annexation have been included to fulfill the supporting documentation requirement for the boundary change cases. The naming of these files corresponds to the 'DOCU' field in the 'cqr20_EstillSprings_14700024440_changes_incplace' shapefile. These files can be found in the 'Supporting Documentation' and 'Shapefiles' folders in our submittal.



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In total, we identified 214 housing units that were impacted by the omissions of these properly annexed areas. Addresses for each of these living quarters were obtained from the State of Tennessee's Strategic Technology Solutions Next Generation 911 data. This data was gathered by the State Data Center at the University of Tennessee in 2019 prior to the commencement of counting activities and 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.

As further evidence of the unit's availability for occupancy by April 1, 2020, a catalog of aerial photos was created showing the location of each housing unit, its address and the addresses of surrounding housing units. The photography was acquired by Vexcel Imaging between March 20 and March 22, 2019 for the Strategic Technology Solutions – Geographic Information Systems (STS-GIS) group at the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration. A flight index and letter from the STS-GIS Director provides additional information about the acquisition and is also provided as part of our supporting documentation.

These records are provided to confirm the existence of units which your agency has 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



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4. Supporting Documentation

- a. Housing Unit Map Series.pdf
- b. 1997-191.pdf
- c. 1997-194.pdf
- d. 1997-196.pdf
- e. 1998-199.pdf
- f. 1998-206.pdf
- g. 1999-217.pdf
- h. 2000-232.pdf
- i. 2006-293.pdf
- j. 2006-294.pdf
- k. 2007-297.pdf
- l. 2009-367.pdf
- m. 2009-368.pdf
- n. Vexcel 2020 Access Distribution Letter -Education.pdf
- o. Vexcel_BlueSky_FlightDatesMap_2020.pdf

For ongoing communication regarding this CQR submission I designate the following contact to be an authorized representative of the Town of Estill Springs:

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

James David Kelley
Mayor