

Extraterritorial zoning, subdivision regulations; mailed notice to land owners of record.

Written Testimony to Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee
Honorable Chair, Senator Elaine Bowers
Randi Walters, Committee Assistant
785-296-7389, Room 142-S, State Capitol Building

Proponent Testimony Senate Bill 248
Hearing: Tue., February 4, 2020, 9:30 am, Room 142-S

I am submitting testimony as a proponent of SB248.

Submitted by: Diane Strick Basehor, KS

This bill will benefit affected property owners as follows:

- Larger portion of affected property owners notified
- Larger portion of affected area will be informed
- Eliminate one person from having to canvass affected area
- Will get affected property owners involved in the issue
- Hopefully will get people involved with elected officials

I spent many hours canvassing my area to notify the affected property owners of a meeting I had organized at the Basehor Library with our Representative and Senator. The majority of the residents were not even aware of the proposed inter-local agreement. After informing them of the issue being presented, they asked where they could find information so they could educate themselves. I gave them the requested information they thanked me and said they would certainly attend the meeting. We had over 100 people attend the meeting on August 6, 2019. So many attended, they could not all fit in the meeting room.

On August 28, 2019; The mayor of Basehor, was to hold a vote for the proposed inter-local agreement. So many people attended to oppose the inter-local agreement, the Basehor City Hall could not accommodate everyone. Maximum occupancy is 56. The people were standing outside to the end of the parking lot. Many had to park their cars at schools and other locations and walk to City Hall. The mayor saw how much opposition there was, a vote was taken and it was voted down. A comment was made after the vote, they will take a look at this issue it again in the future.

We feel this bill is needed from our own experience, as we were surprised at how many of the area property owners were unaware of the inter-local agreement being proposed and the planning and zoning changes that would be implemented.

Again, this bill is a start, but much more is needed. We need amendments such as the person representing the county residents should be voted upon by county residents, not appointed. This person should have no conflict of interest. The affected property owners should have the right to vote and the majority vote should be the final determination.