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Re: Impact of Williamstown on the City Of Mayville

To whom it may concern,

My name is Randy Clark, founder of RCI Engineering of Mayville. I am writing with regards to the changes to the Village of Kekoskee and their impact on the City of Mayville.

My wife, Wendy, and I, own two properties that are adjacent to the Township of Williamstown. We also are supporters of some of the changes that Williamstown has incorporated, such as the ATV trails throughout the Township and support of Snowmobile trails. We both have a farm background and can appreciate Williamstown's commitment to limit growth to keep the area committed to agricultural purposes for generations to come.

I have been made aware that some of the changes involving the Village of Kekoskee may have a negative impact on the ability of the City of Mayville to grow in the future. Namely, in that the city limit may not be able to be changed in the future.

There has been a concerted effort by many different groups and individuals in the City of Mayville to improve the community to prepare it for growth in the future. We all recognize that for a community to provide the services and opportunities we desire, we must expand the tax base. But at the same time, that tax base cannot grow without key components.

In light of this, it is evident that the school district passed a referendum to improve the facilities for the district. Manufacturing has been reborn with advancements in both technology and employee training, and updates to facilities. Businesses have invested in their storefronts, parking lots, and services offered. Main street has made investments in store fronts, offerings, and community activities. Hwy 28/67 is about to undergo a major upgrade. Businesses have added facilities and renovations here. Efforts are underway to encourage people to build homes on vacant lots. Businesses are hiring, and increasing wages. A trail is being planned through town. Blue Zones is working to encourage a healthier community. The community is nearly primed for growth.

If the community cannot grow simply because of physical boundaries established by outside forces, all the work to revitalize the community to this point is a waste. All of the investments will have been undermined, by a simple restriction.

I have met with several business owners and managers in Mayville since reading of this situation in the local paper. Each has shared a similar message. "Why would they do something like that after all we have done?" "Why would we ever stick another dime in any facility in Mayville if they do this?" "How can we ever grow the tax base if we can't grow the land base?"

In my humble opinion, the situation is clear. If this really progresses as indicated, and Mayville cannot grow, it will be the first nail in the coffin of the City of Mayville. We have overcome so much as a community, only to be undermined by such a situation. While it may not be intentional, and it may be just a technicality, it would be a move that would spit in the eye of every citizen of Mayville that ever did anything to try and help the community prosper.

Yes, there may have been challenges in the past and there may be hostilities between the two entities. But a new generation is here to move the community forward. Do not pass these hostilities to the next generation. Please come together and create a plan to help Mayville grow but keep Williamstown as an agricultural community. It can be done. It must be done.

Please consider the people of the City of Mayville as you make your decisions in the days ahead. We have found a way to overcome great challenges of the past to poise the city for growth. These people will not invest any further in a dying community, and will likely pursue other communities that have open arms to those who desire to grow. What will your taxes do then? Who will want to live here? Who will fill the homes in the next generation? Let's come together to do what is best for everyone and not just a few.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall J. Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "J".

Randall J. Clark
RCI Engineering