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COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department/Division: Fire & Emergency Services

Department Head: Allen McCullough

Presenter, if needed: David Scarbrough

Preferred Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2008

Wording for the Agenda:

Continued discussion on proposed postal zip code changes for several North Fayette areas.

Background/History/Details:

This issues is many years old. Since the U.S. Post Office establishes zip codes according to their own zones, county lines are not typically taken into consideration. Fayette County has areas served by 4 post offices located in other counties. If completed, this proposal would aid in providing some north Fayette citizens with Fairburn and Riverdale addresses with a Fayetteville mailing address.

SEE ATTACHMENTS (3)

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

If the Board is supportive of this effort, the County needs to send a letter to the U.S. Postal Service indicating its support and commitment to working with them, including moving forward with the renaming of the streets where a duplication would otherwise exist.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past? Yes

If so, when? Thursday, September 11, 2008

Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?

Back-up Material Submitted? Yes

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Approved by Finance? Yes

Reviewed by Legal? Yes

Approved by Purchasing? Yes

Approved by Administrative Staff? Yes

Staff Notes

Administrator's Approval Yes

Confirmed Meeting Date Wednesday, October 1, 2008

- ○ Recognition/ Presentation
- ○ Public Hearing
- ◉ Old Business
- ○ New Business
- ○ Consent
- ○ Report
- ○ Other

Summary
Proposed Postal Zip Code Change

- Several different North Fayette citizens and Homeowners Association make request to the Postal Service petitioning to have changes made regarding Fairburn 30213, and Riverdale 30296.

- June 2008, USPS contacts county government officials advising of the proposal and inquiring about whether there would be any conflicts or issues with the proposal.

- USPS states that if the changes are not made, the issue will not be revisited again for ten years.

- USPS is advised of the Fayette County Code, Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-59, which states: **Street names shall not be similar, duplicate, nor sound similar to the names of existing streets in the county. Hyphenating, dividing one (1) word into two (2) words, affixing "Drive" for "Road", etc., or other manipulations of an existing street name shall not constitute an acceptable street name. Similar sounding names shall be unacceptable regardless of spelling.**
  (1) Continuity of street names. A continuous street, one (1) proposed to be continuous, or one (1) proposed to continue an existing street shall bear the same name throughout.
  (2) Subdivision street numbering. The county's established residential street numbering system shall be utilized for every residential, commercial or industrial subdivision in the county.
  (3) Property numbers. Every building shall be assigned and display a property number. Property numbers shall be so located and of such a size as to be visible from the street. If a mail box is located at the street, such mail box shall have the property number affixed thereto with numerals measuring at least three (3) inches in height.
  (4) Unlawful to deface, remove. It shall be unlawful for any person to alter, deface or take down any property number placed in accordance with this provision except for repair or replacement of such number.

  This creates a problem with our 911 street name database with the relationship to zip code and city designation for the data.

- Ten streets (see attachment) have been identified within the Fairburn and Riverdale designation needing to be changed in the event the zip code is approved.

- USPS Manager of Address Management Systems stated after all residents were surveyed and asked to return a response, if a simple majority of 51% of the returned surveys were in favor of the change, the change would take place.

- September 11, 2008, USPS is agreeable to performing a survey predicated upon receipt of a formal letter of commitment by Fayette County to change duplicate addresses as requested. USPS Manager of Address Management Systems stated, "please make sure that everyone understands that this agreement does not reflect an outcome of the decision process to perform a boundary change. The USPS has not made a final decision, this is only one part of the decision making process."

Staff Recommendation

Provide USPS a written letter of formal commitment from the Fayette County Board of Commissioners to change the duplicate street names predicated on the USPS survey results.

The areas of north Fayette County, which currently have a Fairburn 30213 and Riverdale 30296 zip codes are proposed to be changed such that those areas would be included into the Fayetteville 30214 zip code boundary and the new boundary of 30214 would follow the jurisdictional county boundary line along the north Fayette County border.

Duplicate street names:

Cedar Lane	Fairburn
Davis Road	Fairburn
Deer Creek Court	Fairburn
Deercreek Drive	Fairburn
Kite Lake Road	Fairburn
Lakeside Drive	Fairburn
Plantation Drive	Riverdale
Ridge Road	Fairburn
Wagon Wheel Way	Riverdale

Merits of Change:

Any service delivery applications would likely improve.
Apparent citizen based support for the change.
Elimination of confusion with duplicate street names.
Misapplication of tax rate on vehicle purchase (Fayette vs. Fulton).
Insurance rates being based on incorrect data.
FedEx Deliveries confusion.
UPS Deliveries confusion.
Longer drive to Fairburn Post Office vs. Fayetteville according to residents.

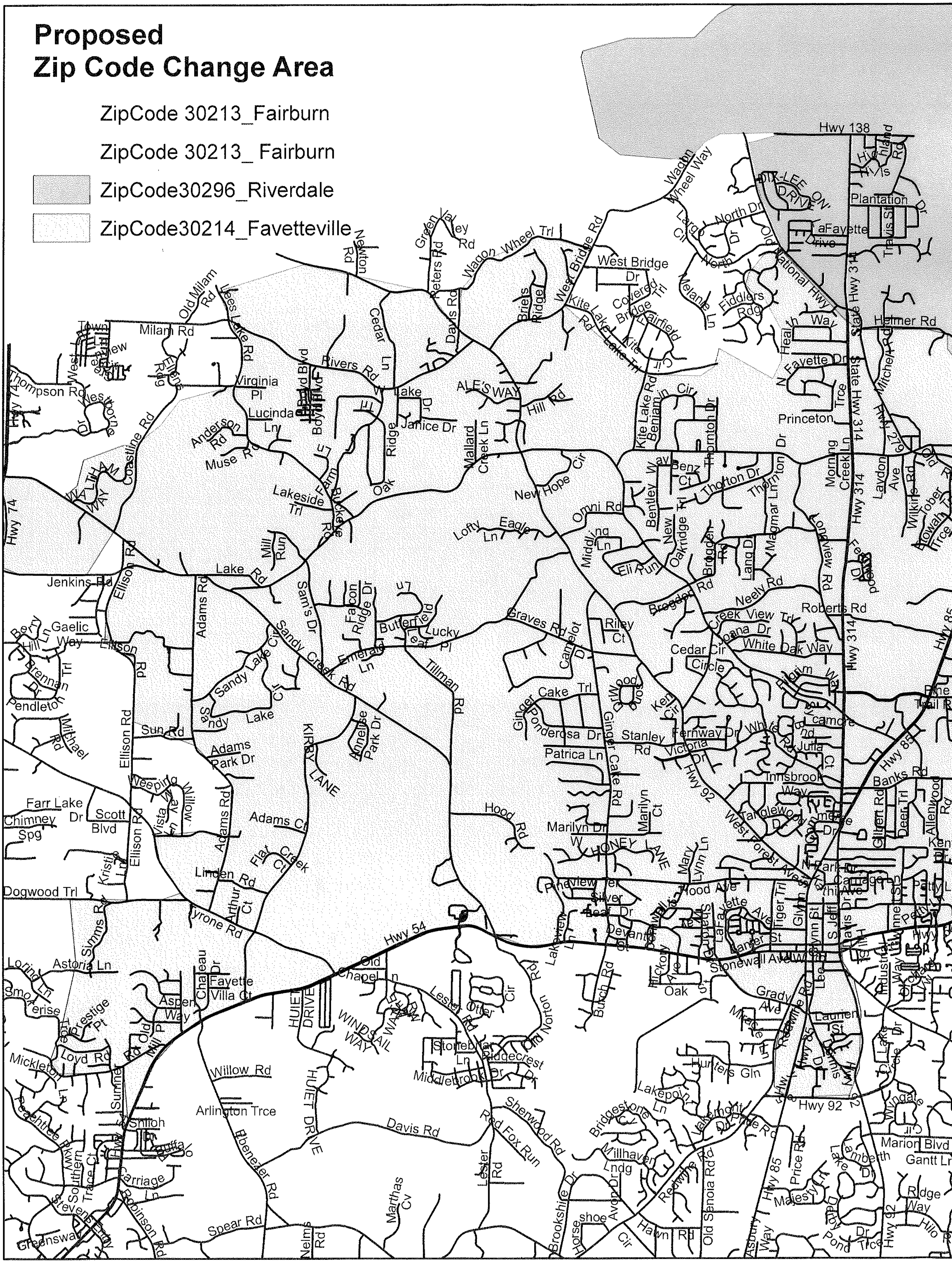
Proposed
Zip Code Change Area

ZipCode 30213_Fairburn

ZipCode 30213_ Fairburn

ZipCode30296_Riverdale

ZipCode30214_Favetteville



STAFF REPORTS: County Fire Marshal David Scarbrough briefly discussed a community based request regarding a proposed zip code change for a portion of Fayette County. Captain Scarbrough said the areas in question were Fairburn with a zip code of 30213 and Riverdale with a zip code of 30296. He presented the Board with a map showing the proposed zip code change area. A copy of the map, identified as "Attachment No. 8", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He said there had been ongoing conversations with the United States Postal Service and he would be bringing a formal request to the Board next month. He said this zip code change would involve the renaming of ten (10) streets in the area involved. He said USPS had indicated that they would like to have at some future date a letter of commitment from the County regarding this as it relates to the renaming of these streets.

Chairman Smith asked Captain Scarbrough if he knew the streets that would have to be renamed.

Captain Scarbrough replied yes and said there were ten streets in this particular area that have been identified that would be a part of this.

Chairman Smith asked if this request had been generated by citizens in the area.

Captain Scarbrough remarked that was correct and noted that a couple of different homeowners' associations located in the North Fayette community petitioned and had written letters to the USPS. He said the County was then contacted and made aware of the situation. He noted that the USPS would be doing a survey of the residents in the affected area as to how they would feel about the zip code change and would affect approximately 2,200 residents. He said if the survey resulted in a 51% majority then the USPS would be willing to proceed with the process.

Chairman Smith said it was his understanding that there had been some concern about addresses with other city zip codes. He recalled that there had been a group of citizens who had tried to accomplish this approximately ten years ago and at that time the USPS was not that cooperative in making the change. He asked if the USPS at this time seemed to be willing to make this change.

Captain Scarbrough replied that the information he had indicated that they had undertaken an internal study and had indicated that they would in all likelihood make the change provided the citizens in the affected area were in agreement. He said they would then become a part of the 30214 Fayetteville zip code area.

Commissioner Horgan clarified that in the current zip code 30214 there were ten street names that were also listed in the zip code 30213 and this was the reason for changing the ten street names and Captain Scarbrough replied yes that was correct.

Chairman Smith asked if the USPS was bearing the responsibility for doing the survey and getting the survey results.

Captain Scarbrough replied yes this was part of the USPS process. He said they would send a formal survey letter to the residents located in the affected area. He said to his knowledge there would not be any cost at this point that the County would bear toward the survey.

Chairman Smith asked Captain Scarbrough if there was any action needed by the Board tonight.

Captain Scarbrough replied there was no action needed tonight and he just wanted to make the Board aware of this ongoing process. He said at a future date he would request to go on an agenda.

Commissioner Maxwell asked Captain Scarbrough if he had a time line for when he would come back to the Board and Captain Scarbrough replied next month.