

in this manner would not alleviate existing metropolitan problems, but might indeed add to them, if the incorporation were undertaken prematurely. As a result of such untimely incorporations, metropolitan areas around the country are beset with excessive fragmentation of local government, costly duplication of services, and inequities in terms of most efficient use of the taxpayers' dollar. A commitment to permanent boundaries should therefore not be made in the Pleasant Prairie area at this time.

It is found, therefore, that the proposed incorporation would substantially hinder the solution of governmental problems affecting the metropolitan community.

Summary:

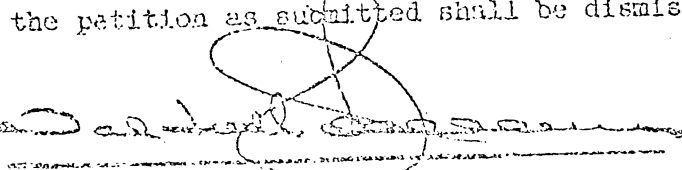
It is the opinion of the Director that the standards prescribed for approval of proposed incorporations set forth in Section 66.016, Wisconsin Statutes, have not been met. More specifically, it is found that the territory is not reasonably homogeneous and compact. With reference to supplementary findings, it is the opinion of the Director that while a stable tax base is currently enjoyed, a more urbanized level of services will be needed which would, if the Town were incorporated, adversely affect the present favorable tax position. Such services as police protection, garbage and rubbish removal, and library services are not equal in quality, or quantity, to services being offered by the City of Kenosha. Finally, incorporation at this time would substantially hinder the solution of governmental problems affecting the metropolitan community.

The proposed incorporation move confirms that in Pleasant Prairie a civic interest exists and a core of citizen participation and leadership is present. With full utilization of these human assets and the Kenosha metropolitan planning program as the focal point for these efforts, Pleasant Prairie and the larger Kenosha community can successfully meet the challenges of accelerated metropolitan growth and the need for expanded services which will follow.

Determination:

It is determined that the proposal to incorporate the Town of Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha County, as a Village fails to meet the standards prescribed by Section 66.016 (1), Wisconsin Statutes, and is not in the public interest as defined by Section 66.016 (2), Wisconsin Statutes.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 66.014 (e), Wisconsin Statutes, the petition as submitted shall be dismissed.


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