



BETTER TOGETHER PROPOSAL IMPACT ON TOWN AND COUNTRY

Presentation Revised March 14, 2019

BACKGROUND



Statewide vote on Constitutional Amendment in November 2020

Creates a Metropolitan City of 1.3 million residents based in downtown St Louis

Effective Date January 1, 2021

GOVERNANCE



Current County Executive serves as Mayor until first election in 2024

Mayor appoints all members of boards and commissions and has line-item budget veto authority

33 member council with district of roughly 40,000 residents

DUTIES



Metropolitan City Responsible for:

- Licensing, taxation and regulation of businesses
- Municipal Court
- Police, Public Health, Safety and General Welfare



DUTIES continued



Metropolitan City Responsible for:

- Public Works – Zoning & Land Use, Building Permits, Inspections, Nuisance Codes
- Transportation, Infrastructure & Streets
- Economic Development



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT DUTIES



Existing municipalities become municipal districts responsible for:

- Fire/EMS
- Parks and Recreation
- Trash
- Limited Planning Authority

PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO METRO CITY



- Property, contracts, records and personnel of a municipal district relating to the provision of a general district service shall be transferred to the Metro City
- Property encumbered by debt is not transferred until the debt is retired

FINANCING OF SERVICES



- General District Services of the Metropolitan City to be funded primarily from sales taxes
- Municipal District Services to be funded primarily from property taxes
- Earnings Tax in City of St Louis to be phased out over 10 year period
- Each municipal district is a sub-district of the Metro City and the Metro City can, with voter approval in the municipal district, levy different taxes within the municipal district to increase the level of any services in the municipal district



REVENUES LOST BY TOWN & COUNTRY TO THE METRO CITY

- Sales Tax imposed by the Municipality
- Taxes for “Cities”; County Road, Bridge & Cigarette Tax; State Gasoline, and Motor Vehicle Fees Shared by the State
- Municipal Court Revenues
- Revenues from Business Licenses
- Revenues from Land Use Regulations
- Building Permit & Inspection Fees

SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION



- All sales taxes levied by municipalities will continue as levied but shall be taxes paid to the METRO CITY not to the municipal districts
- The Metro City SHALL pass thru to the municipal district those sales taxes necessary to meet outstanding obligations of the municipal district
- The Metro City MAY pass thru to the municipal district remaining sales tax revenues necessary for the provision of municipal district services.
- Any remaining sales tax revenues MAY be used by the Metro City to finance general district services in the Metro City.

ONGOING ESTIMATED EXPENSES



Department	Description	2019 Budget	Cummulative
All Departments	Pension	600,000	600,000
Administration	Administration	450,000	1,050,000
Fire and Ambulance	West County EMS	3,604,080	4,654,080
Fire and Ambulance	Creve Coeur Fire	113,954	4,768,034
Fire and Ambulance	Central County Alarm	283,120	5,051,154
Parks & Stormwater	Parks Maintenance	1,004,980	6,056,134

FINANCE SUMMARY ESTIMATES



- Estimated \$6 million in Fire/EMS, pension, admin and parks expenses
- Estimated \$2 million in commercial utility tax revenues
- Estimated \$4 million gap required to provide municipal services
- Estimate does not include any capital expenses for trails, municipal buildings, etc.
- Assumes Metro City funds street improvements and maintenance, parks improvements/capital items

HOW DO YOU MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE?



As an example:

- Property tax assessment if approved by Town and Country voters and Metro City of \$0.50 per \$100 assessed value generates \$4 million annually
- Median value home appraised at \$659,700 would pay \$600 in R.E. taxes, as an example

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Please join Mayor Dalton for a presentation on the City/County Reorganization Proposals including the Better Together Petition

Date
Thursday
March 14th

Time
5PM to 6PM or
6:30PM to 7:30PM
(identical information will be
presented at each session)

Location
Municipal Center
1011 Municipal Center Drive

Please come and be part of the conversation!

Helpful Documents

- ◊ [Better Together Report](#)
- ◊ [City Administrator Informational PPT](#)
- ◊ [Proposal Analysis-Prof. Terry Jones](#)
- ◊ [Revised Constitutional Amendment](#)
- ◊ [SLAPCA Response](#)