

June 3, 2008

To the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

Chairman Representative Lee Kaldor

My name is Perry Ronning and I represent the people of Stanley Township. I am the zoning and floodplain Administrator. Also, I provide the service of Building Inspector for the Township and the Road Overseer. I have been involved in Township Government since the early 1980's.

The Township has had many meetings in the past 2 years on E-T and annexation process. I spoke at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in Fargo with Rep. Wranham and Brian Bittnor present. Also, I did speak at the January 23, 2008 ACIR Meeting.

The Township has shown where the 4 mile E-T and strip annexation has caused many problems for the taxpayers of the Township. I will list several concerns as follows;

1. Confusion for the taxpayer of who provides services to the area. (E-T Area's).
2. No enforcement of zoning issues that are in violation of the zoning in the E-T areas.
3. 100 ft strips of land annexed to allow for longer E-T. Now not 4 miles but 6 miles.
4. Leapfrog development at its best. (Township has been criticized for this for years by cities.)
5. No vote when you are in the E-T areas because your land is controlled by the City not the Township.
6. Townships know the properties and property owners better than a city 6-8 miles from city hall. Flood Issues, Road Issues, Fire Protection

Stanley Township has been very active in Zoning and Floodplain management for many years. Stanley Township has been a leader in many zoning issues for townships. Our ordinances have been used as a model for the Township Officers Association.

I would like you to stop the strip annexation and limit the E-T to less than a mile for cities such as Fargo. This will force them to have services available to the area they want in their control. Let's get back to real planning and development of the cities instead of forced annexation.

Last let's give the rural property rights back to the taxpayers of North Dakota and allow them the right to vote for their officials.

Thank you,  
Perry Ronning  
Stanley Township