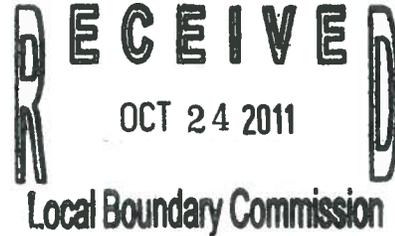


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Re: Petersburg's Petition for Borough Incorporation

Dear Commissioners:

I object to Petersburg's Borough Petition as submitted. I suggest the City of Petersburg should be required to revisit their Petition Application and clarify certain provisions.

The taxation of outlying areas should be clearly stated. What mil rate will be charged outside service area one, the current City of Petersburg boundary? Can the rate be changed by the Assembly or Borough Clerk without a vote of the affected residents? It is my concern that the mil rate will start at 4 and then creep up to the full mill rate as the City has done with their annexed areas.

Another concern is the property tax assessment. All of the residents outside "service area one", and some within, provide all or part of their own infrastructure, i.e.: power, water and sewer. These improvements add value to the property, but should not be included in the property's assessed value. A tax credit or exemption for these improvements would put the outside residents on a more equal footing with the property owners within "service area one" who rely upon tax supported municipal services.

Due to our small numbers, we will be disenfranchised by the Borough process. We will have the opportunity to vote for Mayor and Assembly Members. However, these elected officials have no obligation to provide any representative service to the residents outside "service area one". Our voice will be but a whisper.

Thank you for your time in considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dolores Charlene Anderson".

Dolores Charlene Anderson
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