



CITY OF CLAY CENTER
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February 6, 2023

Re: HB 2150

The City of Clay Center strongly opposes HB 2150 for the following reasons:

1. HB 2150 would eliminate the City of Clay Centers' ability to apply their own planning and zoning regulations to areas directly adjacent to the city limits which are gateways to and from municipalities.
2. Subdivision regulations provided existing and future property owners an important sense of stability that the land will be developed properly.
3. The current law ensures proper transition between the incorporated city and unincorporated county areas.
4. Subdivision regulations provide provisions for preservation of environmentally sensitive areas and the extension of utilities. Rights-of-way and connectivity can be provided in a manner that supports the extension of City services and maintains the opportunity for land to transition from rural to suburban development in a way that supports the community and the interest of property owners.
5. A municipality's extraterritorial planning and zoning jurisdiction within the three mile radius serves a municipality's interest and responsibilities in protecting the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens and encourages collaboration together with the county.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Thatcher".

James R Thatcher
Mayor