

October 2, 2009

Mr. & Mrs.

Franklin, Tennessee 37064

Re: Special Assessment District for the
Construction of Sanitary Sewer Improvements for
The Country Road Area

Dear Mr. & Mrs.

As you will recall, the City of Franklin considered providing sanitary sewer improvements for the properties in Country Road Estates last year with the stipulation that there would be a Special Assessment District established for the funding of said sanitary sewer improvements. Special Assessment Districts require the benefitted property owners to pay for the improvements based on the proportion that the assessed value of each individual property bears to the whole assessed value of all the properties in the Assessment District. At the time of this consideration, the majority of the residents objected to the Special Assessment District due to the cost to each property.

Since rejection of the proposed Assessment District by the residents of Country Road Estates, the City has continued pursuing the prospect of providing the sanitary sewer improvements to Country Road by considering alternatives to the high capital cost of gravity sewers (estimated construction cost of \$305,000) and has determined that the most cost effective method of providing the sanitary sewer system needed is to use a low pressure grinder pump system (estimated construction cost of \$112,000). The City has recently received approval through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan for a low pressure grinder pump sanitary sewer system for the Country Road Estates area. This type of system, in conjunction with the SRF Loan, will greatly reduce the final cost of the improvements to the City and therefore the property owners. Due to this opportunity, the City desires to again proceed with the process of the establishment of a Special Assessment District for the Country Road Estates Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

In order for the City of Franklin to take advantage of the SRF Loan through ARRA we must move quickly through the process of the establishment of a Special Assessment District for the Country Road Estates Area. The low pressure grinder pump system for Country Road has to be under construction prior to February 17, 2010 to qualify for the SRF Loan. This means that the Special Assessment District has to be established by a two (2) reading ordinance no later than November 10, 2009. Therefore, the City is initiating Ordinance 2009-70 for discussion at the CIP Committee of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) at 5:00 PM October 8, 2009, at the BOMA Work Session at 5:00 PM October 13, 2009 and first (1st) reading at the regularly scheduled October 13, 2009 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting. A Public Hearing and

second reading is to be held at the regularly scheduled November 10, 2009 Board Meeting. Also, there is to be a Public Meeting on October 15, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at City Hall to provide information concerning the ARRA SRF Loan projects.

We would encourage your attendance at the meetings mentioned above. You will have an opportunity to be heard at the October 8th CIP Committee Meeting, October 13th BOMA Work Session, the October 15th Public Meeting and the November 10th BOMA Public Hearing. Also, we will be mailing directly to you, and are establishing a site on the City's web page to provide additional information concerning the Country Road Estates Special Assessment District as it becomes available.

We apologize for the hurried action being taken, however this will allow for the least expensive and quickest time frame for the construction of a sanitary sewer for your area. The required hurried action is necessary to meet the scheduled deadlines as established by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) for ARRA SRF Loan funded projects.

Should you have questions concerning this issue prior to the scheduled meetings, please feel free to call either Mark Hilty, Water Management Department Director at (615) 794-4554 or David Parker, City Engineer at (615) 791-3217.

Sincerely,

David Parker
City Engineer/CIP Executive