



City of Prospect

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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BY Kandice Adkinson

Ms, Jamie Franklin
Room 172 Capitol Annex
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

December 14, 2004

Dear Ms. Franklin:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Resolution passed on December 13, 2004 at the Prospect City Council Meeting.

Thank you for all your help in this matter. Please accept our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ann R. Simms.
Ann R. Simms

Attachment

**CITY OF PROSPECT
RESOLUTION NO. 1, SERIES 2004**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TO RECLASSIFY THE CITY OF
PROSPECT FROM THE FOURTH TO THE THIRD CLASS**

Whereas, the City of Prospect notes it has experienced unprecedented growth; and,

Whereas, the City of Prospect is now classified as a City of the Fourth Class; and,

Whereas, as a result of such growth the City of Prospect's population numbers at least 10,607 persons; and,

Whereas, pursuant to the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, cities with a population of more than 8,000 persons shall be classified as those of the Third Class; and,

Whereas, the most recent United States Census estimate reports the population of the City of Prospect to be 4,777 persons; and

Whereas, the City of Prospect believes the United States Census estimate grossly underestimates its population for the reasons enumerated in the attached document, which is made a part of this Resolution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the City of Prospect respectfully requests the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky reclassify its status from the Fourth Class to the Third Class.

READ, PASSED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT PROSPECT, KENTUCKY THIS 13 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2004

Approved:


Lawrence C. Falk, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ann R. Simms, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 1, SERIES 2004, OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT

THE UNITED STATES CENSUS ESTIMATE GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATES THE POPULATION OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT BECAUSE:

ONE – A large number of persons whose permanent residence is in the City of Prospect are not present at the time of the U. S. Census, and therefore not counted

Two classes of residents are not resident in the City when the census is taken in February. These are the many older residents who maintain homes in the City and, also, in warmer areas – so-called “snow birds.” As an example, fully one third of the members of the City’s Ordinance Review Board missed meetings during the winter months when they were living in second homes places such as Florida or Arizona.

Probably due in part to the high per capita income of the City, an estimated 95 percent of all children of college age attend college, most of them out-of-town. Under the terms of the census, such persons are counted at their college residence, not at their actual homes.

TWO – An accepted method of counting actual residents is based on the number of bedrooms in a community and the number of persons who occupy those bedrooms. The accepted statistic from the Census Bureau is that 1.3 persons occupy each bedroom.

There are 2,176 residential land parcels in the City of Prospect. An extremely conservative estimate would be that three-quarters of them have four or more bedrooms while the remaining one-quarter have three bedrooms. This would mean there are 1,632 homes with four bedrooms and 544 homes with three bedrooms – a total of 8,160 bedrooms. Were there only one person living in each bedroom (significantly below the national average) that would bring the City’s actual population to 8,160 persons.

However, to apply the national average of 1.3 persons per bedroom, there would be 8,486 persons living in the four-bedroom homes and 2,121 persons living in the three-bedroom homes, for a total population of 10,607.

The “number of bedrooms” figures are extremely conservative, illustrating the gross underestimate of the census estimates. The average value of a home in the City of Prospect is \$313,904, making it far more likely there are actually relatively few three-bedroom homes and that there are probably a significant number of homes with five or more bedrooms.