

Sponsored by: Council as a Whole

Resolution No. [22-01](#)

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF THE MISSOURI PORTION OF THE ST. LOUIS NONATTAINMENT AREA INTO THE STATUS OF ATTAINMENT DUE TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE 2015 OZONE STANDARD AS SHOWN BY THE 2019-2021 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING DATA

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Clean Air Act (CAA) in 1970 allowing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set national air quality standards; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the region met air-quality standards imposed by the EPA, an auto emissions inspection and maintenance program was established by the state in 1984; and

WHEREAS, St. Charles County, along with the entire St. Louis metropolitan area was designated a “modified non-attainment” area by the EPA; and

WHEREAS, A few years ago, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) submitted a plan to the EPA to declare Jefferson and Franklin Counties attainment areas, and the EPA designated Jefferson County and all of Franklin County except Boles Township as attainment after the number of St. Louis-area monitors showing violation of the standards dropped from five to one; and

WHEREAS, During its first regular session of 2021, the Missouri General Assembly passed House Bill 661 that excluded Franklin, Jefferson and St. Charles counties from mandated motor vehicle emissions inspections performed to comply with the federal Clean Air Act. Fearing the change would lead to loss of highway funds by the State of Missouri, Governor Michael Parson vetoed the bill on July 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in July 2021, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCG) was going to reflect that the area Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) met the Air-Quality Conformity goals, however as the interim director of the EPA told the EWGCG board members at that July meeting that the Board could not do so because there was a chance that the legislature would over-ride the governor's veto; and

WHEREAS, EWGCG then delayed action until October 2021 and refigured the Air Quality Conformity assuming the emission stations were gone and its TIP still met the standards; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri side of the St. Louis region has been found to satisfy the planning and attainment requirements of the Clean Air Act based on the 2019-2021 ambient air quality monitoring data in that all of the monitors in the current non-attainment area are in compliance with the 2015 ozone standard; and

WHEREAS, by adopting this Resolution the St. Charles County Council expresses its support of the Proposed Redesignation Request to place the Missouri portion of the St. Louis Nonattainment Area into the category of attainment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, THAT:

Section 1. St. Charles County hereby strongly expresses its support of the Missouri portion of the non-attainment area to an attainment area.

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DATE PASSED

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL