


Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: October 11, 2021

From: Chris Dietz, Planner 

Location: West end of Chesterfield Valley

Project: **P.Z. 10-2021: Ordinance 1430 (City of Chesterfield):** A request to bring a planned district ordinance into compliance with the City of Chesterfield Comprehensive Plan.

SUMMARY

The City of Chesterfield has initiated the process of bringing this site-specific ordinance for a 1,325.62-acre tract of land into compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan. In February of 2021, Planning and Public Works Committee directed Staff to bring City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430 to the Planning Commission to review the ordinance requirements and provide a recommendation to City Council regarding the planned district ordinance and whether it promotes the vision and goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

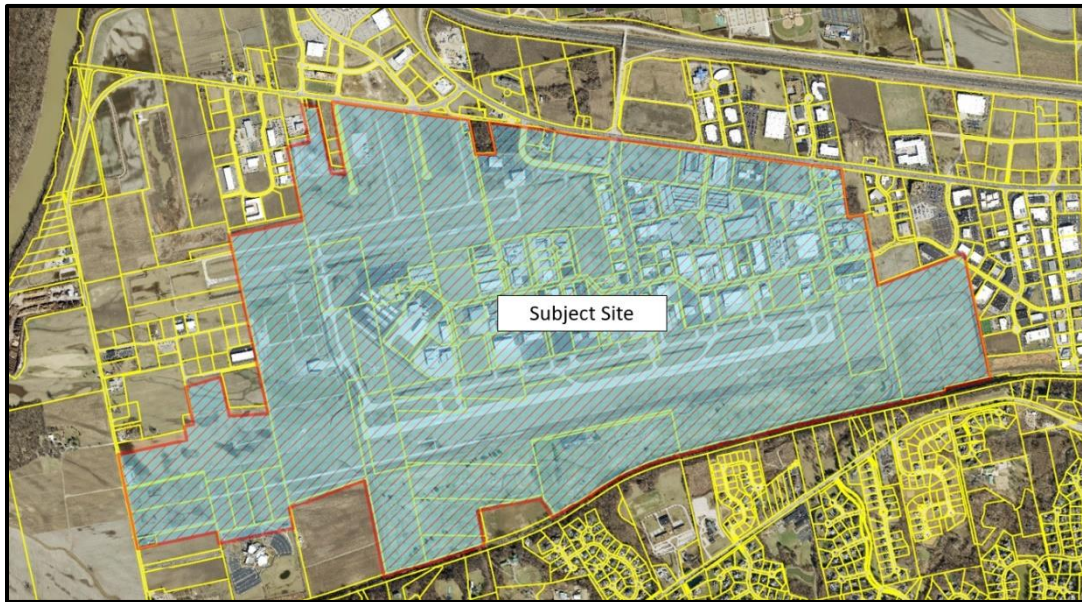


Figure 1: Subject Site Aerial

The issue was discussed by the Planning Commission on March 8 and March 22, 2021. After substantial discussion on criteria within Ordinance 1430 (originating from 1961), the Planning Commission made a formal recommendation that the planned district ordinance was not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Following this recommendation, the Planning and Public Works Committee directed Staff to work with the Planning Commission to create a process to review and modify the zoning within the Chesterfield Valley to reduce reliance on discretionary reviews and align with regulations of the UDC with the Comprehensive Plan.

On August 5, 2021, Planning and Public Works Committee passed a recommendation to City Council that a Resolution of Intent be adopted to initiate the process of rezoning this area in order to bring Ordinance 1430 into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, by a vote of 4-0.

On August 16, 2021, City of Chesterfield City Council adopted Resolution #471 to direct Staff to initiate processing of a rezoning for parcels within the area governed by Ordinance 1430, and to have Planning Commission formally provide recommendation on bringing the ordinance into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. A copy of this resolution is included in the Planning Commission packet.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The subject area governed by Ordinance 1430 resides completely within the Chesterfield Valley as Suburban Character—Industrial area of the Plan’s Land Use Map, as illustrated in Figure 2.

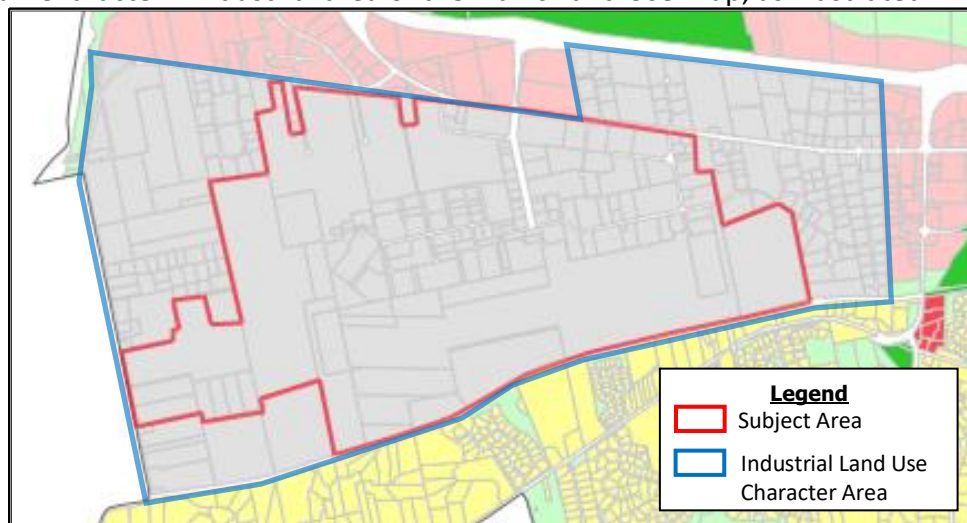


Figure 2: Ordinance 1430 Subject Area

This character area provides development policy and establishes what primary land uses should comprise this area, which include industrial, airport and associated uses, and Office/Warehouse. This area is characterized by conventional industrial park and associated activity involving an airport and is found in close proximity to major transportation corridors. Specific Development Policies for the Industrial Character Area are listed as follows:

- Limit curb cuts on arterial streets, and where possible concentrate access at shared entrance points.
- Primary entrance points should be aligned with access points immediately across the street.
- Connectivity may vary as industrial parks may have low connectivity due to dead ends and lack of connection to adjacent areas.
- Landscape buffering should be utilized between roadways to screen areas of surface parking.
- Residential projects should be limited to areas outside of the Chesterfield Valley.

CITY OF CHESTERFIELD ORDINANCE 1430

At the March 8, 2021 Planning Commission meeting, a detailed history of zoning for this subject area was provided, culminating in the current governing ordinance, City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430. Much of the regulations within this ordinance—including permitted uses—have been carried over from previous ordinances for the area, dating back to 1961. As a result, many of these regulations do not reflect the intent of the current Comprehensive Plan.

In reviewing the ordinance, Staff notes the following items as have been discussed previously:

- The ordinance permits industrial uses as well as commercial uses, including retail. As noted before, the City's industrial districts do not permit retail use. There are other uses permitted within the planned district that may be found to be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan (e.g. Nightclubs, filling stations) or uses that may be better identified as uses that may be appropriate with additional conditions (e.g. screening of equipment and vehicle repair, rental, and sales). A full list of the uses permitted within the ordinance is attached. Additionally, a definition is provided in the event that there was a definition for the term.
- There is no height restriction within the district other than that required for compliance with the Air Navigation Space Regulations within the UDC.
- There is no open space requirement within the district.
- The planned district included minimum caliper size for landscaping planted to comply with City Code requirements at the time. This size no longer complies with City Code.
- As the area now has numerous users, property owners have requested piecemeal changes (i.e. changes to the setbacks on one property, or an additional use on one property). This is not unique and becomes a challenge with planned districts as the number of property owners increases and leads to differing regulations on adjacent parcels.
- As an alternative to amending the ordinance to request a change to regulations on one parcel within the district, a property owner can request to change the zoning to a new district. While this allows the City to add regulations to bring the property to current standards, it again results in properties having different regulations.

Ordinance 1430 is attached to this Planning Commission report.

Zoning District Options

In discussing options to bring the zoning into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, there are several options which are described below. Each of these options is based on existing zoning districts.

Amendment to Ordinance 1430

Ordinance 1430 is an “M3” Planned Industrial District. Section 405.03.020 defines zoning districts. The code states:

Requests for amendments to existing planned district ordinances in the C8 or M3 district, or other special procedures, such as obtaining a conditional use permit or LPA status, are permitted. However, additional or new parcels of land are prohibited from zoning to either of these districts.

Under this section, the existing “M3” ordinance can be amended so long as no new parcels are added to the boundary.

In reviewing ordinance amendments, the City generally requires any amendment for an Inactive District (such as the “M3”) that includes changes to permitted uses to rezone to a current district as defined in Section 405.03.020.A. This avoids situations where use terms from different zoning districts are intermingled and may impact what is permitted on the site.

While the process to amend the “M3” would differ from the City’s typical process, it does provide the least invasive path forward to addressing the criteria cited in the Planning Commission’s prior review of Ordinance 1430.

“LI” – LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

The purpose of the conventional, “LI” Light Industrial District is to provide for a variety of light industrial services that may be developed compatible with abutting commercial and/or industrial uses. This district’s development criteria, such as permitted uses, setbacks, height, open space and density requirements, among others, are established by the Unified Development Code and do not require a site-specific ordinance.

The concept of a traditional zoning district for this area may seem logical; however, many of the standards within the district exceed the criteria in Ordinance 1430 (e.g. increased setbacks) and the list of permitted uses are more restrictive. This will likely result in a large number of non-conformities throughout the area which is not a desirable outcome.

“PI” Planned Industrial District

The “PI” District would create a new planned district over the area covered by Ordinance 1430. Similar to the “M3” District, the “PI” District has few defined criteria within code and relies on

the creation of a planned district ordinance to establish development criteria for the area. While this option allows for flexibility in defining the requirements, the code requires submission of a Preliminary Development Plan and narrative statement (the requirement for a Preliminary Development Plan can be waived for ordinance amendments, but not for establishment of a new planned district).

The following table compares the development criteria of the “LI” and “PI” Districts to that of Ordinance 1430.

Requirements	“LI” District	“PI” District	Ordinance 1430
Permitted Uses	(See attached)	Established in planned district ordinance	(Provided in document attached)
Landscape	(Per UDC)	Per UDC unless modified in planned district ordinance	Minimum standards are less than UDC requirements.
Structure Setbacks	Front: 30’ Side:30’ Rear:30’	Established in planned district ordinance	M-1 District Setbacks – Dependent on structure/use within district.
Parking Setbacks	Front: 25’ Side: 25’ Rear: 25’	Established in planned district ordinance	Front: - Side: 10’ Rear: 10’
Height Restrictions	35’	Established in planned district ordinance	-
Open Space	35%	35%	-
Floor Area Ratio	0.40	0.55	-
Lot Area	45,000 ft ²	Established in planned district ordinance	-
Lot Width	100’	Established in planned district ordinance	-

Table 1: Development Criteria Comparison

As noted earlier, a Public Hearing further addressing the request will be held at the October 11, 2021 City of Chesterfield Planning Commission meeting. This petition will ultimately come before the Planning Commission for a formal recommendation at a later date.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give the public an opportunity to provide input to the Planning Commission as they review the request. Additionally, Staff is requesting direction on the preferred method of addressing the inconsistencies between Ordinance 1430 and the City of Chesterfield Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments:

1. Public Hearing Notice
2. Resolution #471
3. March 8, 2021 Staff Report
4. City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430
5. Uses Permitted within Ordinance 1430
6. "LI" District Regulations
7. Use Table for Non-Residential Districts
8. Spirit of St. Louis Airport History



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF CHESTERFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Chesterfield will hold a Public Hearing on October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017.

Said Hearing will be as follows:

P.Z. 10-2021: Ordinance 1430 (City of Chesterfield): A request to bring a planned district ordinance into compliance with the City of Chesterfield Comprehensive Plan.

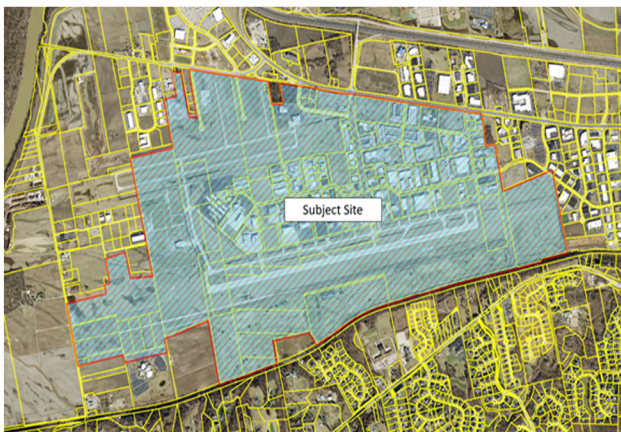
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

A tract of land in U.S. Surveys 133, 153, and 362, Township 45 North, Range 3 East, St. Louis County, Missouri, containing 1,325.62 acres.



City of Chesterfield
690 Chesterfield Parkway West
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Information on this Public Hearing may be found on the City's website at <http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/public-notice.html> or by contacting Planner Chris Dietz at 636.537.4745 or via e-mail at cdietz@chesterfield.mo.us. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the Public Hearing.



RESOLUTION # 471

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI DIRECTING STAFF TO INITIATE PROCESSING OF A REZONING FOR CERTAIN PARCELS COVERED UNDER AN "M-3" PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, DEFINED AS AN "INACTIVE DISTRICT" UNDER THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AND HAVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON BRINGING THE ORDINANCE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

WHEREAS, St. Louis County approved a Planned Industrial District covering 1,037.5 acres on the south side of Chesterfield Airport Road, east and west of Spirit of St. Louis Industrial Boulevard, in 1961 under Section 1003.242 Planned Industrial district regulations of the 1946 St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Ordinance 2,212 has been amended several times over the years to address areas covered under the ordinance, permitted uses, setbacks, and other development criteria with the most recent amendment from July of 1998; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield Planning Commission adopted a new Comprehensive Plan in September of 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Public Works Committee requested that the Planning Commission provide a recommendation as to whether Ordinance 1430 is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, by a vote of 8-0, passed a motion that Ordinance 1430 was not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, §405.02.020(A)(3) states that a public hearing shall be set within 90 days following initiation of a resolution of intention to amend, supplement or change the regulations, zoning district boundaries or classification of property; and

WHEREAS, §405.02.030(B)(1) authorizes the City Council to, after a public hearing and report thereon by the Planning Commission and subject to the procedure provided in the Unified Development Code (UDC), amend, supplement, or change the regulations, zoning district boundaries or classification of property whenever the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practices require said modifications.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD adopts Resolution #470 stating its intention to consider rezoning of parcels covered under City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430, a "M-3" Planned Industrial District covering 1,325.62 acres and directs staff to schedule a public hearing before the Planning Commission to consider changes necessary to bring the planned district into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of August 2021.

Bob Nation
Presiding Officer

Bob Nation
Bob Nation, Mayor

Attest:

Vickie McGownd
Vickie McGownd, City Clerk



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Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: March 8, 2021
From: Justin Wyse, Director of Planning
Location: West end of Chesterfield Valley
Project: Review of City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430

Summary

At the February 18, 2021 Planning and Public Works Committee meeting, Staff was directed to bring City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430 to the Planning Commission to review the ordinance requirements and provide a recommendation to City Council regarding the planned district ordinance and whether the ordinance is promoting the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. This report outlines the history of the ordinance, development of the Chesterfield Valley, the Comprehensive Plan, existing zoning in the area, and a brief outline of some of the discrepancies between the planned district ordinance and the current conditions.

Ordinance History – Spirit of St. Louis Airport

In 1961, St. Louis County approved Ordinance 2,212 which created a Planned Industrial District covering 1,037.5 acres surrounding what is now the Spirit of St. Louis Airport. This ordinance laid out conditions for the development of the area including infrastructure requirements (i.e. construction of levees, roads, landing strip, sewers, and stormwater facilities). It should be noted that this ordinance was based under the Zoning Ordinance for St. Louis County – 1946. The enabling regulations in Section 1003.242 include the following purpose statement:

2. It is the purpose of these Planned Industrial District Regulations to enable desirable industrial and related development to be accomplished in appropriate relationship to existing or planned non-industrial uses by use of the procedures and conditional features called for in this Section. The Planned Industrial District regulations enable the County Council to establish industrial districts in situations where the general welfare of the community requires special protection not provided by the general Light and Heavy Industrial District regulations.

The ordinance authorizing the Planned District also identified the permitted uses for the subject site. In general, the permitted uses authorized an airport surrounded by industrial development

(manufacturing; warehousing; freight terminals; repair, rental facilities, and services of equipment; research laboratories). Additionally, the ordinance authorized several incidental commercial uses which include hotels, gas stations and a commercial shopping center not to exceed ten (10) acres. These uses have been modified slightly over the years, but still create the framework for many of the uses contained in Ordinance 1430.



Figure 1: Original Airport Development Boundaries per St. Louis County Ordinance 2,212

Ordinance 2,212 was amended in March of 1980 by St. Louis County Ordinance 9,642. Much of the ordinance retained its original form, however, several industrial uses were added to the permitted uses for the area and the planned district (plumbing, air conditioning, and heating equipment facilities; construction contractors; offices; aircraft hangers; sales, service and repair of aircraft). Commercial uses listed above remained in the ordinance.

The ordinance was amended again in 1984 by St. Louis County Ordinance 11,768 which expanded the Repair, rental, sales, and service of equipment use to add language that specified automobile, truck, trailer, and similar types of vehicles into the use term. Additionally, a requirement was included that retail automobile dealerships were limited to parcels with frontage on Chesterfield Airport Road and Olive Street Road.

St. Louis County Ordinance 13,838 was approved in 1988 to permit golf courses and accessory uses including but not limited to a clubhouse and pro shop.

The City of Chesterfield passed ordinance 870 in January of 1994 amending the planned district. This amendment authorized permitted and conditional uses within the planned district, with several exceptions. Additionally, the amendment required fencing around trash enclosures, a landscape installation and maintenance bond, and submittal of architectural elevations.

In April of 1996 the City of Chesterfield approved Ordinance 1156. This ordinance added additional land to the planned district to total 1,325.62 acres. Figure 2 shows the boundaries of the area, which remain the boundary of the planned district.

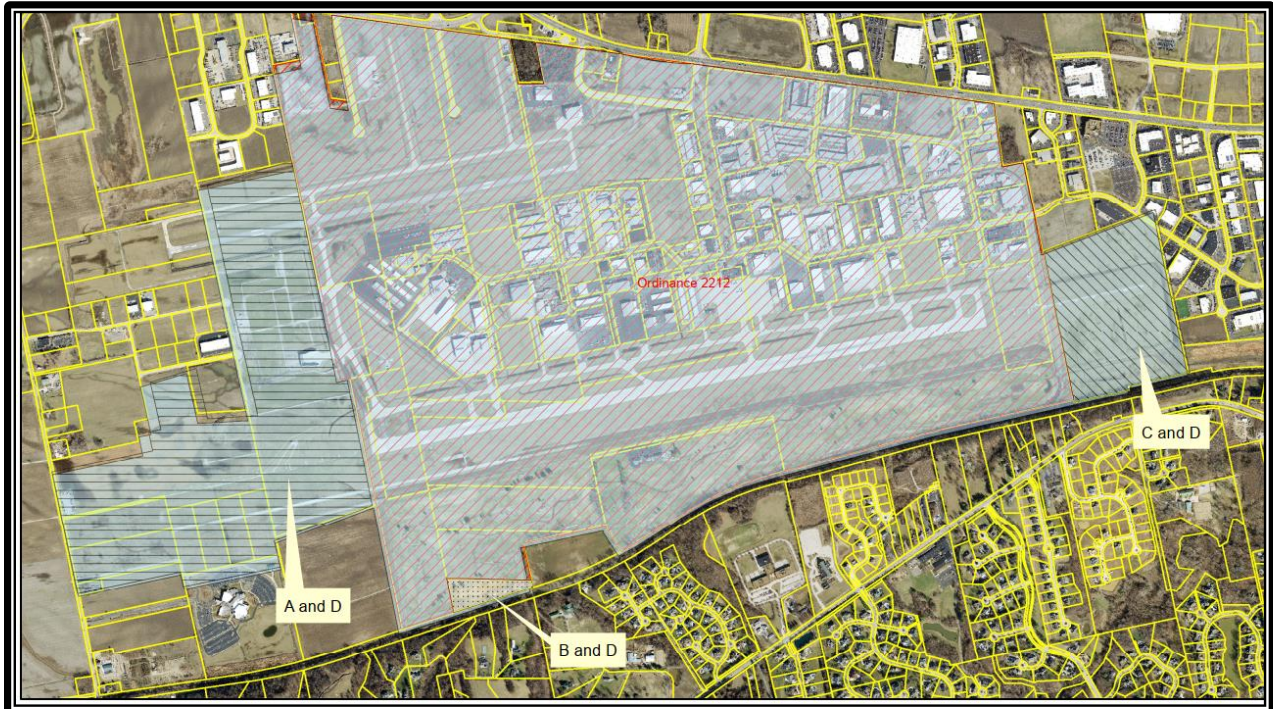


Figure 2: Current Development Boundaries per City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430

The City of Chesterfield has approved three additional amendments (Ordinance 1312 in 1997, Ordinance 1378 in 1998, and Ordinance 1430 in 1998). Each of these amendments were strictly tailored to amendments on individual parcels within the planned district. Two of the ordinances (1378 and 1430) modified setbacks on individual parcels and one ordinance (1312) added a permitted use to one parcel.

Development of the Chesterfield Valley

City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430 still retains many of the elements of the original planned district (St. Louis County Ordinance 2212) to facilitate development of a regional airport with surrounding industrial development in the early 1960's. However, since the original concept was approved, development in the Chesterfield Valley has substantially changed. The figures below show this change through aerial images of the area.



Figure 3: 1955 Aerial



Figure 4: 1966 Aerial – Airport Runway is visible



Figure 5: 1981 Aerial – Airport Runway is visible with industrial buildings



Figure 6: 1996 Aerial – Airport Runway is visible with industrial buildings continuing to be built



Figure 7: 2000 Aerial – Beginning to see infrastructure and regional commercial on east end of Valley

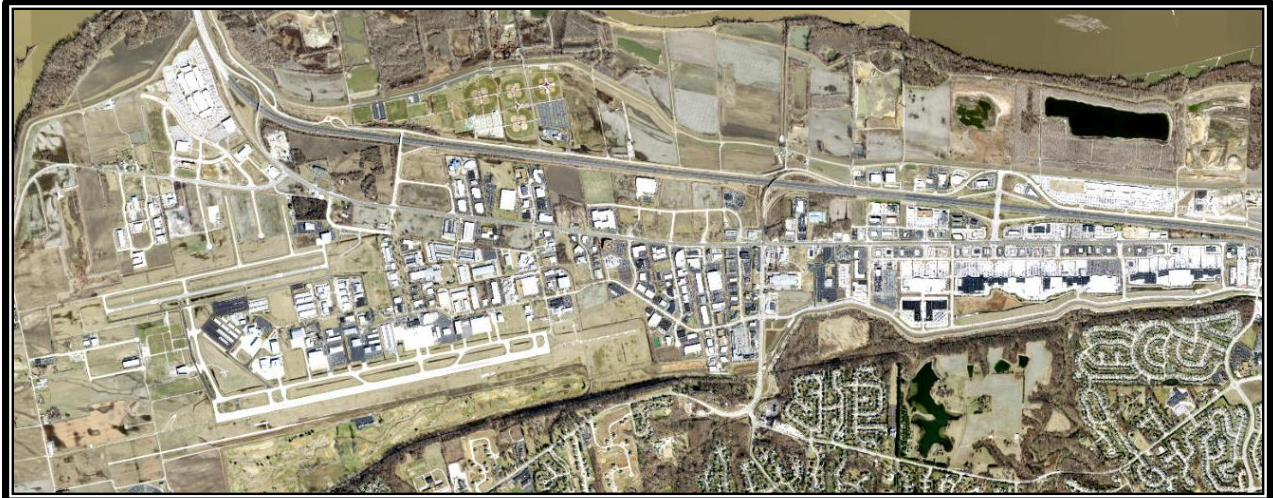


Figure 8: 2018 Aerial – Continued development of east end of Valley (Regional Commercial) with node of commercial between Olive Street Road and I-64 beginning

As the aerial images clearly show, the development of the Chesterfield Valley has changed substantially since the original adoption of the concept of a regional airport surrounded by an industrial park.

Comprehensive Plan

Figure 9 shows the future land use envisioned for the Chesterfield Valley by St. Louis County prior to incorporation by the City of Chesterfield.

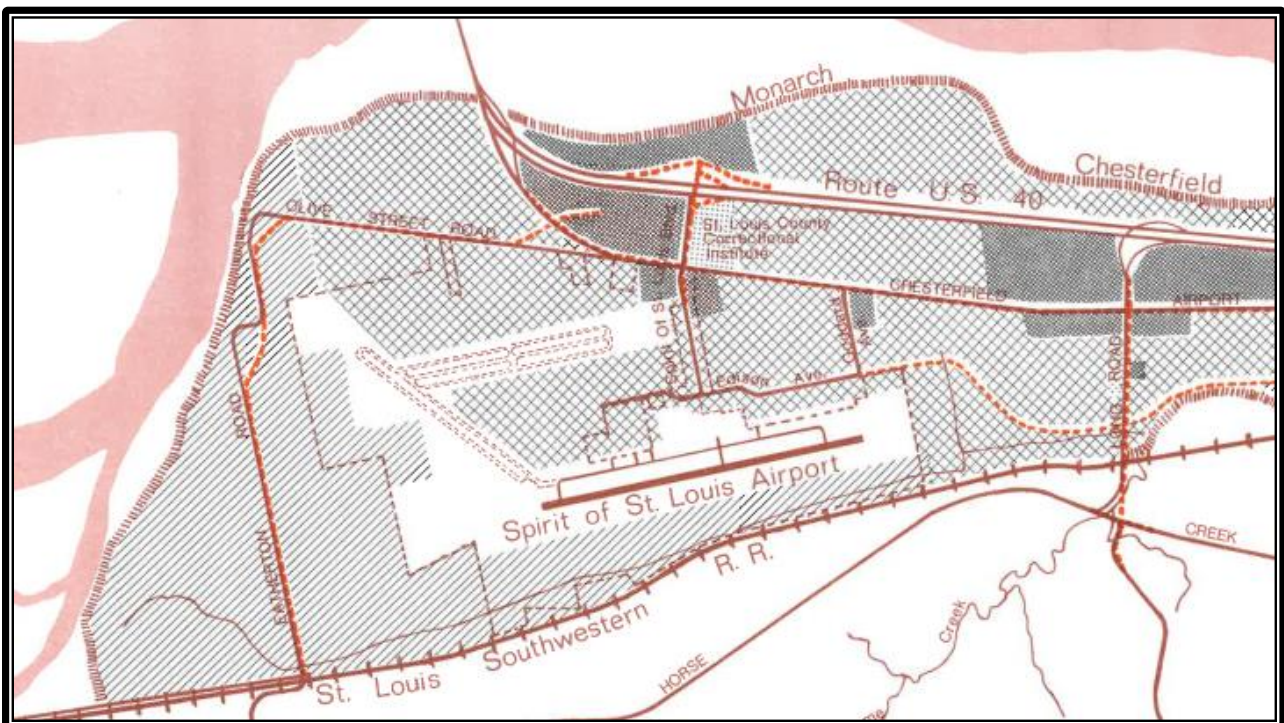


Figure 9: Chesterfield Valley Future Land Use – Prior to incorporation of the City of Chesterfield

As can be seen, the County’s land use plan designated much of the area around the airport as “Industrial Park.” However, there are several areas, including the area around the intersection of Chesterfield Airport Road and Spirit of St. Louis Blvd. that were designated as “Retail/Office Commercial.” This designation would have been consistent with the idea of a ten-acre commercial shopping area within the limits of the original planned district ordinance.

Figure 10 shows the future land use map from the City’s first Comprehensive Plan. This plan showed the Airport and designated substance areas along the I-64 corridor (including some of the property covered under City 1430) as Mixed Use (Retail/Office/Warehouse)

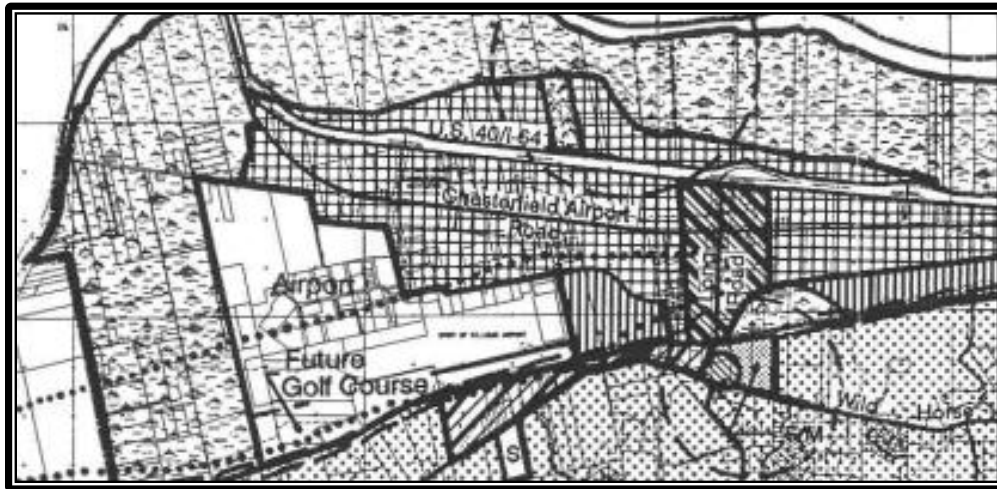


Figure 10: 1990 Chesterfield Future Land Use Plan Excerpt

Figure 11 shows the General Land Use Plan from the 1998 Chesterfield Valley Master Development and Implementation Plan. This plan showed areas south of Chesterfield Airport Road being designated as “Service/Business Park” and areas north to designations of “Mixed Use” and “Office Park.”



Figure 11: 1998 Chesterfield Valley Master Development and Implementation Plan –
General Land Use Plan

Figure 12 shows the Future Land Use Plan within the City of Chesterfield Comprehensive Plan adopted in September of 2020. The entirety of the area included under City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430 is within the “Suburban Character Area” and within the “Industrial” land use classification with primary land uses of industrial, airport and associated uses, and office / warehouse.

In the Chapter regarding Defining Goals and Implementing Strategies, the plan includes a strategy to guide development in a manner consistent with the Land Use Plan. This would include uses consistent with the plan, promotion of proper access management and network improvements to facilitate the development of the area, and promotion of natural elements (tree preservation, open space, natural areas) of the City.

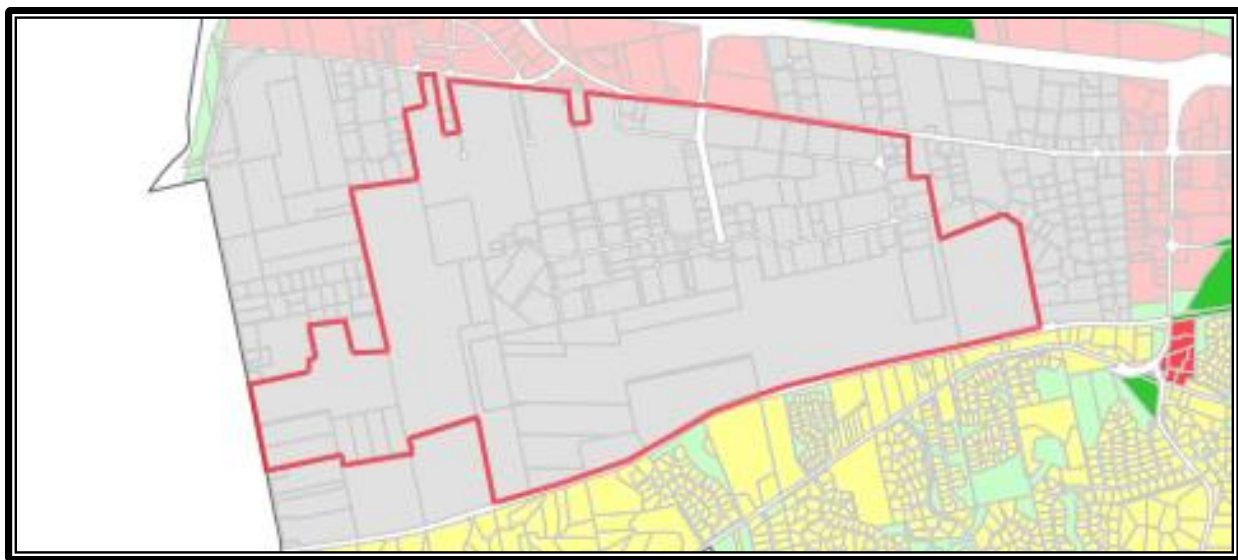


Figure 12: Future Land Use Map with the Boundary of Ordinance 1430

As seen in the designations of the area over time, the uses envisioned for the area have involved as infrastructure has been provided and development patterns continued to emerge. What was once contemplated to be predominately industrial park development throughout the majority of the valley has shifted to a more balanced land use with industrial development in the western end of the Chesterfield Valley and Regional Commercial development in the eastern portion of the Valley.

Zoning Map

Since adoption of 1430, no changes have been made to the site-specific zoning governing this area. However, there has been one change to the zoning in the area originally governed under the Ordinance for the Spirit of St. Louis Airport. Figure 13 shows the boundary of the planned district overlaid on the zoning map. As can be seen, there is one parcel within the limits of Ordinance 1430 that has been rezoned out of the original planned district and into a Planned Commercial District.

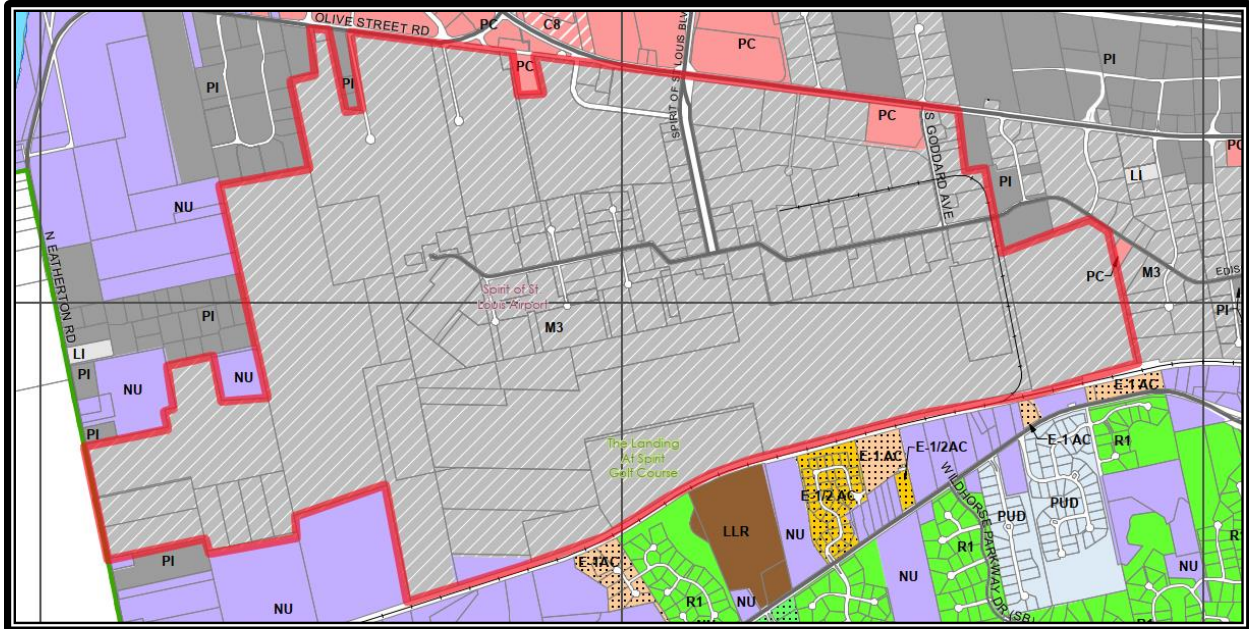


Figure 13: Zoning map with boundary of Ordinance 1430

As can be seen from the zoning map on Figure 13, 18026 Chesterfield Airport Road (northeast portion of the site) was removed from the M-3 Planned Industrial District and changed to a “PC” Planned Commercial District. As this area officially changed the zoning map, this parcel does not constitute the permitted commercial shopping area permitted in Ordinance 1430, effectively increasing the amount of retail originally envisioned in the area and creating further departure from the vision for the future development identified in the Comprehensive Pla.

City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430

The Planning and Public Works Committee has specifically asked the Planning Commission to provide a recommendation on the consistency of City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430 as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan. Preceding sections have identified the history of the planned district ordinance, evolution of development of the Chesterfield Valley, existing zoning conditions in the area, and an overview of the Comprehensive Plan as it pertains to the area. In reviewing the ordinance, staff would note the following items:

- The ordinance permits commercial as well as industrial uses. In order to promote consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, the City’s industrial districts (“PI” Planned Industrial District and “LI” Light Industrial District) do not permit retail sales establishments. There are other uses permitted within the planned district that may be found to be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan (e.g. Nightclubs, filling stations) or uses that may be better identified as uses that may be appropriate with additional conditions (e.g. screening of equipment and vehicle repair, rental, and sales). A full list of the uses permitted within the ordinance is attached. Additionally, a definition is provided in the event that there was a definition for the term.
- There is no open space requirement within the district.

- The planned district included minimum size for landscaping planted to comply with City Code requirements. This requirement is less than that of the City Code.
- As the area now has numerous users, property owners have requested piecemeal changes (i.e. changes to the setbacks on one property, or an additional use on one property). This is not unique and becomes a challenge with planned districts as the number of property owners increases and leads to differing regulations on adjacent parcels.
- As an alternative to amending the ordinance to request a change to regulations on one parcel within the district, a property owner can request to change the zoning to a new district. While this allows the City to add regulations to bring the property to current standards, it again results in properties having different regulations.

Ordinance 1430 is attached for your review.

Recommendation

In reviewing the information presented in this report, Staff is of the opinion that City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430 is not appropriately implementing the vision and policies contained within the Comprehensive Plan. Staff is requesting a formal recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the appropriateness of the ordinance. Once a recommendation is received, it will be presented to the Planning and Public Works Committee for consideration and direction, as applicable.

Motion

The following motion is provided to the Planning Commission for consideration relative to this request:

- I move to recommend to the Planning and Public Works Committee that Ordinance 1430 is (or is not) consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments:

1. Uses Permitted within Ordinance 1430
2. City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1430

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF CHESTERFIELD ORDINANCE NUMBER 1312 AND REPEALING CITY OF CHESTERFIELD ORDINANCE NUMBER 1378 AND APPROVING A NEW AMENDED ORDINANCE RELATING TO AN "M-3" PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT; SOUTH SIDE OF CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT ROAD, EAST AND WEST OF SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS BOULEVARD (P.Z. 20-97 SPIRIT AIRPARK).

WHEREAS, the "M-3" Planned Industrial District zoned Spirit of St. Louis Airport, located on the south side of Chesterfield Airport Road, east and west of Spirit of St. Louis Industrial Boulevard, was approved via St. Louis County Ordinance 2,212, and subsequently amended by St. Louis County Ordinance Numbers 9,642, 11,768, and 13,838; and,

WHEREAS, in response to P.Z. 6-96 St. Louis County - Spirit Airpark, the City of Chesterfield adopted Ordinance Number 1,156 on April 15, 1996, which: rezoned from "NU" Non-Urban District and "M-3" Planned Industrial District to "M-3" Planned Industrial District and approved a preliminary plan in the "M-3" Planned Industrial District for a 5.75 acre tract; approved a preliminary plan and amendment to an existing "M-3" Planned Industrial District approved by St. Louis County Ordinance Number 13,935, amended by City of Chesterfield Ordinance Number 656 (P.C. 91-88) for a 62.10 acre tract; and, amended an existing "M-3" Planned Industrial District approved by St. Louis County Ordinance Number 13,838 and amended by City of Chesterfield Ordinance Number 870, to allow as permitted uses, in addition to the current permitted uses contained in City of Chesterfield Ordinance Number 870, churches, outdoor storage of building materials, a lighted golf driving range, and a lighted soccer park; and,

WHEREAS, in response to P.Z. 20-97 Chesterfield Memorial Building Association – American Legion/Spirit Airpark, the City of Chesterfield adopted Ordinance Number 1,312 on September 15, 1997, which authorized a fraternal organization to be located at 777 Spirit of St. Louis Boulevard; and,

WHEREAS, in response to a request by Anheuser Busch Companies, the City of Chesterfield adopted Ordinance Number 1,378 on February 18, 1998, which reduced the side yard setback for parking on their lot from ten (10) feet to zero feet; and,

WHEREAS, Natoli Engineering has requested an amendment to reduce the side yard setback for the existing structure located at 660 Goddard from ten (10) feet to three (3) feet from the north property line and nine (9) feet from the south property line; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield Department of Planning considered the request, and after consulting the Spirit of St. Louis Airport and the Chesterfield Fire Protection District, recommended approval of the request subject to conditions contained in their Attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, having considered said request, and with the consideration of the revisions and recommendation of the Staff of the City of Chesterfield

Department of Planning, the Planning Commission recommends adoption of changes as set out in their report to the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance Number 9642, as subsequently amended by Ordinance Numbers 11,768 and 13,838, which was approved by St. Louis County, establishing an "M-3" Planned Industrial District for a tract of land located on the south side of Chesterfield Airport Road, east and west of Spirit of St. Louis Boulevard, is hereby adopted by the City of Chesterfield in its entirety as amended by City of Chesterfield Ordinance Numbers 1156, 1312 and 1378 and further amended by deleting condition 6(a) and substituting the following:

Structure Setbacks

- a. All buildings and structures, except lights, fences, retaining walls, signs, and flag poles, shall conform to the provisions of Section 1003.151 "M-1" Industrial District Regulations of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance. The side yard setback for the existing easternmost structure at 660 Goddard shall be: three (3) feet from the north property line and nine (9) feet from the south property line. Any new structure(s) or addition to any existing structure at 660 Goddard must conform to Section 1003.151 "M-1" Industrial District Regulations of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance.

City of Chesterfield Ordinance Number 1378 is hereby repealed to the extent that any inconsistent portions of said Ordinance which are not incorporated in and made a part of this new amended Ordinance shall be of no force or effect and the approved terms and conditions of Ordinance Number 9,642 (St. Louis County), as amended by Ordinance Numbers 11,768 and 13,838 (St. Louis County), and Ordinance Number 1,156 (City of Chesterfield), as amended by Ordinance Number 1,312 (City of Chesterfield) shall be as approved on the new Attachment A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set out herein.


Section 2. The preliminary approval, pursuant to the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance is granted, subject to all of the ordinances, rules and regulations and the specific conditions as set out in the original approval as granted by St. Louis County in its attachments which were set out on the original attachment and as modified by the changes embodied in Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set out.

Section 3. The City Council, pursuant to the request filed by Natoli Engineering relative to P.Z. 20-97, requesting the amendment as approved and with the changes as embodied in this ordinance and pursuant to the recommendations of the City of Chesterfield Planning Commission that said request be granted, does hereby adopt this ordinance pursuant to the power granted to the City of Chesterfield under Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri authorizing the City Council to exercise legislative power pertaining to planning and zoning.

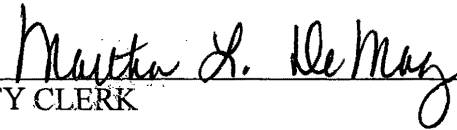
Section 4. In all other respects, the original ordinances that were passed by St. Louis County as they relates to this development are to remain in full force and effect as well as all those changes which were made and approved by Ordinance Numbers 1,156 and 1,312 of the City of Chesterfield as restated in this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this 20TH day of JULY, 1998.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT A

1. PERMITTED USES

The uses allowed in the "M-3" Planned Industrial District shall be all "M-1" Industrial District Permitted and Conditional Uses, excluding communication studios and communication towers, sales yard for charitable purposes, incinerators, advertising signs, and the manufacturing of explosives. In addition, the repair, rental, sales and service of equipment used by industry, business and individuals to include automobiles, trucks, trailers and similar type vehicles; golf courses and accessory uses including a clubhouse and pro shop; lighted golf driving range; lighted soccer park; churches with accessory office use but not to include day care and day schools; hotel or motel; and a commercial shopping area not in excess of ten (10) acres shall be permitted. The location of retail automobile dealerships shall be limited to parcels with frontage on either Chesterfield Airport Road or Olive Street Road. The commercial shopping area shall be geographically oriented to the principal uses permitted on the tract and shall contain only those incidental retail establishments necessary for the welfare and protection of the persons and property on said tract and those which are clearly accessory to the normal operation of the permitted uses on said tract.

A fraternal organization shall be permitted at 777 Spirit of St. Louis Boulevard (Locator Number 17V13-0153).

2. SITE DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLANS SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Within two (2) years of the enactment of this Ordinance there shall be submitted to the City of Chesterfield Planning Commission the Site Development Concept Plans for the additional tracts of land not previously included under this "M-3" District Ordinance. Where due cause is shown by the developer, this time interval may be extended through appeal to, and approval by, the Planning Commission.

3. GENERAL CRITERIA - SITE DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLANS

The Site Development Concept Plan shall include the following:

- a. Outboundary plat and legal description of the property.
- b. Conceptual location and size, including height, of all proposed buildings, outdoor storage areas, parking and loading areas, and lots.
- c. Specific structure and parking setbacks along all roadways and property lines.
- d. The size and approximate location of the proposed internal and adjacent roadway, major utility easements, necessary right-of-way dedications, road improvements, temporary turnaround, and curb cuts.
- e. Existing and proposed contours at intervals of not more than two (2) feet.

- f. Preliminary stormwater and sanitary sewer facilities.
- g. Comply with all preliminary plat requirements of the City of Chesterfield Subdivision Ordinance.

4. GENERAL CRITERIA - SITE DEVELOPMENT SECTION PLAN

The Site Development Section Plans shall include the following:

- a. The location and size, including height, of all uses, buildings, outdoor storage areas, parking and loading areas, light standards, fencing, free-standing signs, trash enclosures, and landscaping.
- b. Existing and proposed contours at two (2) foot intervals.
- c. Location and size of all parking areas.
- d. Roadways and driveways on and adjacent to the property in question, including location of curb cuts, required roadway right-of-way dedication and pavement widening.
- e. A landscape plan including, but not limited to, the location, size, and general type of all plant and other material to be used.
- f. All other preliminary plat requirements of the City of Chesterfield Subdivision Ordinance.

5. SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMITTAL OPTION

In lieu of submitting a Site Development Concept Plan and Site Development Section Plans, the developer may instead submit a Site Development Plan for the additional tracts of land not previously included under this "M-3" District Ordinance within two (2) years of the date of approval of the Preliminary Development Plan by the City. Said Plan shall be submitted in accord with the combined requirements for Site Development Section and Concept Plans. The submission of Amended Site Development Plans by sections of this project to the Planning Commission shall be permitted if this option is utilized.

6. SITE DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT AND SECTION PLANS - SPECIFIC CRITERIA

The Site Development Concept and Section Plans shall illustrate adherence to the following. Information to be shown on the Site Development Concept Plan shall be limited to those items specified in Condition 3.

Structure Setbacks

- a. All buildings and structures, except lights, fences, retaining walls, signs, and flag poles, shall conform to the provisions of Section 1003.151 "M-1" Industrial District Regulations of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance. The side yard setback for the existing easternmost structure at 660 Goddard shall be: three (3) feet from the north property line and nine (9) feet from the south property line. Any new structure(s) or addition to any existing structure at 660 Goddard must conform to Section 1003.151 "M-1" Industrial District Regulations of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance.

Outdoor Storage Area Setbacks

- b. All outdoor storage areas shall conform to the structure setback provisions of Section 1003.151 "M-1" Industrial District Regulations of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance.

Parking, Loading, and Internal Drive Setbacks

- c. All parking, loading and internal drive areas, excepts points of ingress and egress, shall conform to the provisions of Section 1003.151 "M-1" Industrial District Regulations of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance. The side yard setback for parking from the west property line of the Anheuser Busch Hangar, locator number 17V21-0013, shall be reduced to zero feet subject to the following conditions:
 - The pipe that replaces the ditch shall be a minimum of 48 inches in diameter and manholes shall be located so that access points to the pipe are no more than 250 feet apart.
 - The property owner is required to provide routine cleaning and maintenance of the pipe. Non-maintenance of the pipe will result in a zoning violation. Should the primary use of this site change from being a hanger, the parking setback of ten (10) feet shall be restored and the pavement removed from the setback area.

Parking and Loading Requirements

- d. Minimum parking and off-street loading space requirement shall be as set forth in Section 1003.165 of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance.

Access

- e. Access shall be as directed by the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic and the City of Chesterfield.

- f. Cross access easements and temporary slope construction license, or other appropriate legal instrument or agreement, may be required as directed by the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic and the City of Chesterfield.

Road Improvements

- g. Conform to the requirements of the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic and the City of Chesterfield.

Landscape Requirements

- h. As part of the development plan to be reviewed by the Planning Commission, the developer shall submit a landscape plan to comply with the following:
 - i. All new required landscaping material shall meet the following criteria:
 - (1) Deciduous trees - two (2) inch minimum caliper.
 - (2) Evergreen trees - four (4) feet minimum height.
 - (3) Shrubs - eighteen (18) inch minimum diameter.
 - j. Building and paved area setbacks shall contain adequate landscaping as approved by the Planning Commission on the Site Development Plan.

Lighting and Flagpole Requirements

- k. The location of all lighting standards and flagpoles shall be as approved by the Planning Commission on the Site Development Plan. No on-site light standards shall be so situated that light is cast directly on adjoining properties or public roadways.

Signs

- l. With the exception as noted, signs shall be permitted in accord with the provisions of Section 1003.151 "M-1" Industrial District Regulations of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance. No advertising signs shall be permitted. The location of all free-standing signs shall be as approved by the City of Chesterfield on the Site Development Plans.

Outdoor Storage

- m. Any proposed outdoor storage areas shall be located to the rear of the property, enclosed with sight-proof fencing, and shall be depicted on the Site Development Plan.

Miscellaneous Conditions

- n. All exterior trash areas shall be enclosed with a six (6) foot high sight-proof fence.
- o. Parking, circulation and other applicable site design features shall comply with Chapter 1101, Section 512.4 "Physically Handicapped and Aged" of S.L.C.R.O. 1974, as amended.
- p. All mechanical equipment, rooftop or ground mounted, shall be adequately screened by roofing or other screening, as approved by the Planning Commission.
- q. Architectural elevations, styles, colors and exterior materials for all building facades and fencing shall be approved by the Planning Commission in conjunction with the Site Development Plan.
- r. Installation of Landscaping and Ornamental Entrance Monument or Identification Signage construction, if proposed, shall be reviewed by the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic and/or the City of Chesterfield for sight distance considerations and approved prior to installation or construction.

7. VERIFICATION PRIOR TO SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL

Prior to the approval of the Site Development Concept and Section Plans, the developer shall provide the following:

Stormwater

- a. A preliminary engineering plan approved by the City of Chesterfield, showing that adequate handling of the stormwater drainage of the site is provided.
 - (1) The developer is required to provide adequate stormwater systems in accordance with the City of Chesterfield standards and in accordance with the Chesterfield Valley Stormwater Drainage Master Plan.
 - (2) All stormwater shall be discharged at an adequate natural discharge point by means of bleeder ditches and/or construction of portions of the main channel as outlined in the Chesterfield Valley Master Drainage Plan, or other means approved by the City of Chesterfield and the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic. Stormwater drainage easement(s) for the required Chesterfield Valley Master Drainage Plan ditches, including associated bleeder ditch(es), shall be required.
 - (3) Any proposed drainage modifications to the Chesterfield Valley Master Drainage Plan must meet all drainage performance criteria (i.e., required storage/volume capacity, sufficient conveyance positive drainage, etc.) as outlined in the Chesterfield Valley Master Drainage Plan. Any proposed design (modifications) must not alter the modeled hydraulic elevations on

this site and/or surrounding sites as outlined/required in the Chesterfield Valley Master Drainage Plan. The City of Chesterfield reserves the right to deny approval of improvement plans based on non-conformance with the Chesterfield Valley Master Drainage Plan.

Road Improvements and Curb Cuts

- b. Provide verification of approval by the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic and the City of Chesterfield of the location of proposed curb cuts, areas of new right-of-way dedication, and roadway improvements.

Geotechnical Report

- c. Submit, as deemed necessary by the City of Chesterfield Director of Public Works, a geotechnical report prepared by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Missouri for review and approval by the Department of Public Works. Said report shall verify the adaptability of grading and improvements with soil and geologic conditions. A statement of compliance with this study, signed by the Geotechnical Engineer preparing the report, shall be included on all Site Development Plans.

8. RECORDING

Within sixty (60) days of approval of any Site Development Plan by the Planning Commission, the approved plan shall be recorded with the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds.

9. VERIFICATION PRIOR TO BUILDING PERMITS

Subsequent to approval of the Site Development Plan and prior to the issuance of any building permit, the developer shall provide the following:

Sanitary Sewers

- a. Verification to the St. Louis County Department of Public Works, M.S.D., and the City of Chesterfield that adequate sanitary services are provided.
- b. Developments governed by this Ordinance may require an NPDES Permit. NPDES permits are applicable to construction activity that disturbs five (5) or more acres. The developer will have to provide the City of Chesterfield with a copy of this permit application.
- c. A Flood Plain Development Permit/Application may be required for developments governed by this Ordinance. If it is required, it must be submitted and approved prior to issuance of any permits, including grading permits.

- d. A 404 Permit or waiver from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may also be required for developments governed by this Ordinance. If it is required, it must be submitted and approved prior to issuance of any permits, including grading permits.

Landscape Bonds or Escrows

- e. If the estimated cost of new landscaping indicated on the Site Development Plan as required by the Planning Commission exceeds an estimated cost of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), as determined by a plant nursery, the developer shall furnish a two (2) year bond or escrow sufficient in amount to guarantee the installation of said landscaping. Prior to the release of the landscape escrow or bond, a two (2) year Landscape Maintenance Bond or Escrow, sufficient in amount to guarantee the replacement of landscaping, shall be furnished. Said bond shall be based on costs determined by a plant nursery and approved by the Department of Planning.

Notification to the City of Chesterfield

- f. Prior to the issuance of foundation or building permits, all approvals from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, Chesterfield Fire Protection District, and the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic must be received by the City of Chesterfield.

10. SUPPLEMENTARY DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS

- a. Every use of land or building on said tract shall operate in conformance with the following limitations on external effect:
 - (1) Vibrations: Every use shall be so operated that the maximum ground vibration generated is not perceptible without instruments at any point on the boundary of the district in which the use is located.
 - (2) Noise: Every use shall be so operated that the maximum volume of sound or noise generated does not exceed seventy-five (75) decibels at any point on the lot line of the lot on which the use is located.
 - (3) Odor: Every use shall be so operated that no offensive or objectionable odor is perceptible at any point on the boundary of the district in which the use is located.
 - (4) Smoke: Every use shall be operated so that no smoke from any source shall be emitted of a greater density than the density described as No. 2 on the Ringelmann Chart as published by the United States Bureau of Mines.
 - (5) Toxic gases: Every use shall be so operated that there is no emission of toxic, noxious or corrosive fumes or gases.
 - (6) Emission of dirt, dust, fly ash and other forms of particulate matter: Emission of dirt, dust, fly ash and other forms of particulate matter shall not exceed 0.85 pounds per 1000 pounds of gases of which amount not to exceed 0.5 pounds per 1000 pounds of gases shall be of such size as to be retained in a

325 mesh U.S. Standard Sieve. In the case of emission of fly ash or dust from a stationary furnace or combustion device these standards shall apply to a condition of fifty percent excess air in the stack at full load, which standards shall be varied in proportion to the deviation of the percentage of excess air from fifty percent.

- (7) Radiation: Every use shall be so operated that there is no dangerous amount of radioactive emissions.
- (8) Glare and heat: Any operation producing intense glare or heat shall be conducted in a manner as to effectively screen the glare from view at any point on the lot line of the lot on which the use is located and to dissipate the heat so that it is not perceptible without instruments at any point on the lot line of the lot on which the use is located.

- b. The developer, his assigns or heirs, shall be responsible for the maintenance of all on-site stormwater improvements, including primary channel(s) and bleeder ditches, until such responsibility is accepted by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.

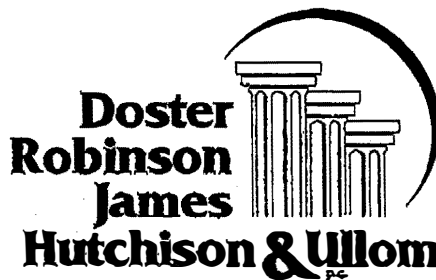
11. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS

General development conditions relating to the operation, construction, improvement, and regulatory requirements to be adhered to by the developer are as follows:

- a. A grading permit from the City of Chesterfield is required prior to any grading on the site. No change in watershed shall be permitted.
- b. Adequate temporary off-street parking for construction employees shall be provided. Parking on non-surfaced areas shall be prohibited in order to eliminate the condition whereby mud from construction and employee vehicles is tracked onto the pavement causing hazardous roadway and driving conditions.
- c. The developer is advised that utility companies will require compensation for relocation of their utility facilities within public road right-of-way. The developer should also be aware of extensive delays in utility company relocation and adjustments. Such delays will not constitute a cause to allow occupancy prior to completion of road improvements.
- d. Interim stormwater drainage control in the form of siltation control measures are required.
- e. If roadways in this development are to be private roadways, these roadways shall remain private forever. Maintenance of private roadways shall be the responsibility of the property owner(s) forever.

- f. Additional lanes and/or widening, pavement thickness, drainage facilities, granular base, traffic control devices, and other improvements may be required to accommodate heavy traffic volumes, unsuitable soil conditions, steep grades, or other conditions not apparent at this time.
- g. If cut and fill operations occur during a season not favorable for immediate establishment of a permanent ground cover, a fast germinating annual such as rye grasses or sudan grasses shall be utilized to retard erosion if adequate stormwater detention and erosion control devices have not been provided.
- h. Failure to comply with any or all the conditions of this ordinance shall be adequate cause for revocation of permits by issuing Departments and Commissions.
- i. In the event of any transfer of ownership or lease of property in said tract, said transfer or lease agreement shall include a provision that the purchaser or lessee agrees to be bound by the conditions of this Ordinance.
- j. The Zoning Enforcement Officer of the City of Chesterfield, Missouri shall enforce the conditions of this Ordinance in accord with the Site Development Concept Plan approved by the City of Chesterfield and any Site Development Section Plans approved by the Planning Commission and/or the Department of Planning.

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Via Facsimile & Hand Delivery

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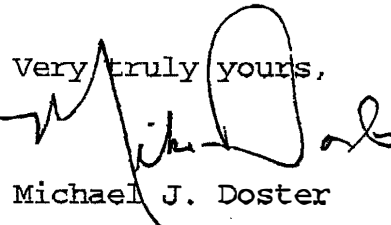
Re: Bill No. 1538, P.Z. #20-97, Spirit Airpark

Dear Mr. Herring:

Please accept this letter as the request to place this matter on the agenda for the next City Council meeting which is Monday night.

I have enclosed a copy of a letter from Marshall Kleiman, Lead Inspector, Commercial Building Inspections, St. Louis County. His letter advises that St. Louis County does not retain records for more than five (5) years. Since the subject building was constructed in 1988, St. Louis County is unable to tell us if a building permit was issued.

However, the client's contractor provided us with a copy of a letter dated June 9, 1988, issued by L.A. Gates, Chief of Code Enforcement Inspection, St. Louis County, that indicates that a Building Permit was issued. I believe this may be the only open issue. Please advise me if there are others, and I will respond accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Doster

MJD/cls
Enclosures
cc: Carm Natoli
John McCartney



ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
BUZZ WESTFALL, COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Department of Public Works

June 17, 1998

Mr. John McCartney
660 Goddard Avenue
Chesterfield, MO 63017

RE: 660 Goddard Avenue

Locator # 17V240252

Dear Mr. McCartney:

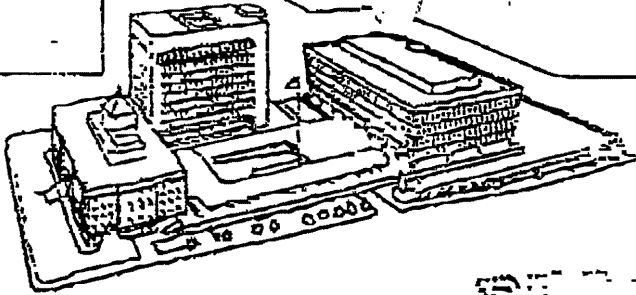
This commercial structure was constructed in 1988. St. Louis County Department of Public Works retains records for a period of only five (5) years, therefore there are no permits or plans available.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call at 889-2140.

Sincerely,

Marshall Kleiman, Lead Inspector
Commercial Building Inspections

MK:bq



ST LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

GENE McNARY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

JAN H. FAYNTON, DIRECTOR

June 9, 1988

Structural Systems
816 South Kirkwood
St. Louis, MO 63122

Re: Temporary Occupancy Permit
Blg. Permit # 5860-88
660 Goddard

Your application for Temporary Occupancy has been granted. However, before a Final Building inspection can be approved, the following items must be corrected, or completed:

1. Complete parking lot as required on approved site plan.

When these conditions are met, you are required to request a Final Building inspection, please call 899-2804 for the required inspection.

This Temporary Occupancy Permit expires on July 9, 1988. Any extensions of this permit must be by special request and well justified.

Yours very truly,

L.A. Gates
Chief of Code Enforcement Inspection
889-3315

LG/pl

cc: Mr. Jan H. Paynton, Director

Uses Permitted Within Ordinance 1430

Legend

<u>Black Text (Bold / Underline)</u>	=	Use Term
Black Text	=	Definition under ordinance at the time of enactment
Blue	=	Restrictions on the use
Strikethrough	=	Use prohibited

Airports, landing strips, and heliports.

An area of land or water that is used or intended to be used for the landing and take-off of aircraft, and includes its buildings and facilities, if any. (Airport)

A facility for the servicing, take-off, and landing of helicopters, which is open to public use. (Heliport)

A facility for take-off and landing of aircraft with or without services available for aircraft, which is operated for private use. (Landing Strip)

Business, professional, and technical training schools.

Business service establishments.

Facilities for the composting of yard wastes.

Filling stations, including emergency towing and repair services. Any structure or premises used for dispensing or sale, at retail, of vehicle fuels or lubricants, including lubrication of vehicles and replacement or installation of minor parts and accessories, but not primarily engaged in major repair work such as engine replacement, body and fender repair, or spray painting.

Gymnasiums, indoor swimming pools, indoor handball and racquetball courts (public or private), and indoor and unlighted outdoor tennis courts (public or private). A building or portion thereof used for athletic training or sports activities, including accessory seating for spectators. (Gymnasium)

Incinerators.

Laundries and dry cleaning plants, not including personal and individual drop-off and pick-up service.

Manufacturing, fabrication, assembly, processing, or packaging of any commodity from semi-finished materials, except explosives or flammable gases or liquids.

Manufacturing of explosives and flammable gases and liquids.

Nightclub. A commercial establishment occupying a space no less than 5,000 square feet whose primary business is supplying musical or other entertainment with a dance floor greater than 400 square feet, including such a facility offering food or refreshments on the premises.

Offices or office buildings. A building or portion of a building wherein services are performed involving predominantly administrative, professional, or clerical operations.

Parking areas, including garages. An area of land used or intended for off-street parking facilities for motor vehicles.

Police, fire, and postal stations.

Printing and duplicating services.

Public utility facilities. A public utility facility serving a local area only, such as an electric substation, a water or gas pumping or regulating station, a telephone switching center, or a storage tank, except telecommunication towers.

Radio, television, and ~~communication studios~~, transmitting or relay towers, antennae, and other such facilities no greater in height than 200 feet above the average finished ground elevation at the perimeter of such structure.

Railroad switching yards.

Research laboratories and facilities.

Restaurants. A commercial establishment whose primary business is the provision of prepared food at retail for consumption on or off the premises.

Sales and renting of equipment and vehicles used by business, industry, and agriculture, excluding retail automobile sales.

~~Sales yards operated for a charitable purpose by a church, school, or other not for profit organization.~~

Sewage treatment facilities.

Signs (advertising). A sign intended to attract general public interest concerning a commercial enterprise, product, service, industry, or other activity not conducted, sold or offered on the same premises upon which the sign is erected.

Telecommunication towers up to two hundred (200) feet in height. A structure designed for the support of one or more antennae and including guyed towers, self-supporting (lattice) towers or monopoles but not buildings. The term shall also exclude any support structure under sixty (60) feet in height owned and operated at the residence of an amateur radio operator licensed by the Federal Communication Commission. The height of a telecommunications tower shall be measured from the finished grade to the top of the tower, excluding any elements with a cross-section of less than four inches.

Telecommunication towers over two hundred (200) feet in height. A structure designed for the support of one or more antennae and including guyed towers, self-supporting (lattice) towers or monopoles but not buildings. The term shall also exclude any support structure under sixty (60) feet in height owned and operated at the residence of an amateur radio operator licensed by the Federal Communication Commission. The height of a telecommunications tower shall be measured from the finished grade to the top of the tower, excluding any elements with a cross-section of less than four inches.

Terminals for trucks, buses, railroads, and watercraft. A depot building or area specifically designated for the storage or transfer of persons or material, or temporary storage and service of operable vehicles used in the transport of persons, goods or materials. (Terminal)

Towed vehicle storage yards, wherein no individual vehicle may be stored for a period exceeding ninety (90) days, and involving no auto repair and no salvage or sale of automobile parts. A ten (10) foot high sight-proof fence shall be provided along all limits of the property. An area for the unstacked temporary storage and sale of operative, wrecked, or otherwise damaged or immobilized motor vehicles wherein each vehicle space is directly accessible to a designated aisle.

Union halls and hiring halls.

Vehicle repair facilities. Any structure or premises conducting major vehicle repair work within enclosed service bays or stalls, including the installation or removal of engines, radiators, transmissions, differentials, fenders, doors, bumpers or other major body or mechanical parts, or spray painting, but not including tire recapping or vulcanizing, or the outdoor storage of wrecked or otherwise damaged and immobilized vehicles.

Vehicle service centers. Any structure or premises used for the servicing and minor repair of vehicles within enclosed service bays or stalls, including diagnostic services, lubrication of vehicles, and minor engine repair such as tune-ups, and the sale and installation of minor parts and accessories such as tires, batteries, shock absorbers, brakes, mufflers, and tail pipes. This use shall not include any establishment engaged in major repair work such as the installation or removal of engines, radiators, transmissions, differentials, fenders, doors, bumpers or other major body or mechanical parts, spray painting, tire recapping or vulcanizing, or the storage of wrecked or damaged and immobilized vehicles.

Warehousing, storage, or wholesaling of live animals, explosives, or flammable gases and liquids. A structure for use as a storage place for goods, materials or merchandise (Warehouse).
Wholesaling or warehousing of manufactured commodities except live animals, explosives, or flammable gases. A structure for use as a storage place for goods, materials or merchandise (Warehouse).

Yards for storage of contractors' equipment, materials, and supplies, excluding junk yards and salvage yards.

Repair, rental, sales and service of equipment used by industry, business and individuals to included automobiles, trucks, trailers and similar type vehicles.

Retail automotive limited to parcels with frontage on Chesterfield Airport Road or Olive Street Road.

Golf Courses and accessory uses including a clubhouse and pro shop. An area or course for playing golf, consisting of at least nine (9) holes, except miniature golf, within which the playing area is not artificially illuminated. (Golf Course)

Lighted golf driving range.

Lighted soccer park.

Churches with accessory office use by not to include day care and day schools.

Hotel or motel.

Commercial shopping area.

Not more than 10 acres and oriented to the principal uses on the site (overall development area).

Fraternal organization.

Permitted at 777 Spirit of St. Louis Blvd. (Locator Number 17V13-0153)

Section 405.03.040 **Planned Zoning Districts And Regulations.**
[CC 1990 § 31-03-04; Ord. No. 2801 § 3 (Exh. A), 6-16-2014]

F. LI Light Industrial District.

1. Purpose. The purpose of the LI Light Industrial District is to provide for a variety of light industrial services that may be developed compatible with abutting commercial and/or industrial uses.
2. In addition to the development standards and district requirements in Article 04 and elsewhere of this UDC, the following performance standards are applicable to the LI District:
 - a. Uses. Permitted and conditional uses for the LI District are found in Section 405.03.070 of this Article. In addition the following use restrictions shall apply to this district:
 - (1) No drive-through windows shall be allowed in conjunction with any of the permitted, accessory, or conditional uses.
 - (2) Businesses shall only be open to the public between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.
 - (3) Loading or unloading of deliveries shall be permitted only between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
 - (4) All principal uses shall be conducted within a fully enclosed building.
 - (5) Outdoor storage or display of merchandise, materials, or equipment must be fully screened as approved by the City of Chesterfield on the site plan.
 - b. Design standards.
 - (1) Minimum lot area: forty-five thousand (45,000) square feet.
 - (2) Minimum lot width: minimum road frontage of one hundred (100) feet or direct access by one-hundred-foot road easement, right-of-way or cross easement.
 - (3) Height: thirty-five (35) feet from grade, exclusive of mechanical equipment.
 - (4) Open space: thirty-five percent (35%).
 - (5) Density: maximum forty hundredths (0.40) FAR
 - (6) Utilities: installed underground.
 - (7) Recycling: opportunity for recycling shall be provided.
 - c. Minimum yard setbacks.
 - (1) No building or structure, other than a freestanding project identification sign six (6) feet in height or less, light standards, flagpoles, or fences six (6) feet in height or less will be located within the following setbacks:

- a) The minimum front, side, and rear yard building setback shall be thirty (30) feet.
 - b) The minimum building setback shall be fifty (50) feet from any property adjoining property designated on the Comprehensive Land Use Map as being a residential district or PS District.
- (2) No parking area, internal drive, or loading space shall be permitted within the following setbacks:
 - a) The minimum front, side, and rear yard parking setback shall be twenty-five (25) feet.
 - b) The minimum parking setback shall be thirty (30) feet from any property adjoining property designated on the Comprehensive Land Use Map as being a residential district or PS District.
3. The procedure for zoning to the LI District and site plan approval is established in Article 02 of this UDC.

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

405 Attachment 2

City of Chesterfield

Use Table for Non-Residential Districts

[CC 1990 Ch. 31, Attach. 2; Ord. No. 2801, § 3 (Exh. A), 6-16-2014; Ord. No. 3034, 2-4-2019; Ord. No. 3138, 2-16-2021]

Uses:

P - Permitted

C - Conditional

* means the use is allowed with conditions. See Section 03-04 for additional regulations.

** refers to light industrial type uses permitted in certain geographical areas in a PC district.

Use Group	Zoning Districts						
	PS	AG	PC	NB	PI	LI	MU
CIVIC							
Administrative offices for educational or religious institutions		C	P	P	P	P	
Church and other places of worship		C	P	P	P	P	
Community center			P				
Correctional institution					P		
Highway department garage					P		
Historic sites, including buildings	P	P					
Library			P	P			
Natural or primitive areas and forests encompassed by the provisions of the Missouri State Forestry Law	P	P					
Parks	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Postal stations			P	P	P	P	P
Public building facilities owned or leased by the City of Chesterfield			P	P	P	P	
Public safety facility	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Railroad switching yard and tracks and associated structures					P		
Retreat center	C	C					
Sales yard operated by a church, school, or other not-for-profit organization			P		P		
Wildlife habitats, forests, conservation projects and fish hatcheries	P	P					
RESIDENTIAL							
Dwelling, employee	C		P		P		

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	PS	AG	PC	NB	PI	LI	MU
Dwelling, single-family detached							
Dwellings, multi-family							
Home Occupation		P					
Group residential facility							P
PUBLIC/RECREATIONAL							
Airport, public or private		C			P		
Amusement park			P				
Arena and stadium			P		P		
Art gallery			P				
Art studio			P				
Athletic fields	P	P					
Auditorium			P				
Banquet facility			P				
Botanical garden		P	P	P			
Camping facility	C	C					
Cemetery	P	C	P	P		P	
Club		C	P	P	P		
Correctional institution					P		
Driving ranges	C						
Fairground			P		P		
Farmer's market		C	P	P	P		
Golf courses	C	C	P		P		
Gymnasium			P	P	P		
Harbor, marina, and dock for waterborne vehicles					P		
Heliport-public and private					P		
Mortuary		C	P	P			
Museum			P	P			
Reading room			P	P			
Recreation facility		C	P	P			
Riding stable		P	P	P			
Transit transfer station			P				
Union halls and hiring halls			P		P		
Zoological gardens			P				

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	PS	AG	PC	NB	PI	LI	MU
OFFICE							
Office-dental			P	P	P		P
Office-general			P	P	P	P	P
Office-medical			P	P	P		P
COMMERCIAL/SALES							
Aircraft sales and leasing facilities and services					P		
Automobile dealership			P		P		
Automotive detailing shop					P		
Automotive retail supply			P		P		
Bakery			P	P	P		
Bar			P		P		
Bowling center			P				
Brewery					P		
Brewpub			P		P		
Coffee shop			P	P			
Coffee shop, drive-thru			P				
Farming, livestock and stables. Farming includes cultivation and sale of crops, plants and domestic animals with no salesrooms		P	P		P		
Grocery-community			P				
Grocery-neighborhood			P	P			
Grocery-supercenter			P				
Motorecycle, ATV, and similar motor vehicles dealership			P		P		
Newspaper stand			P	P			
Pawnshop					P		
Plumbing, electrical, air conditioning, and heating equipment sales, warehousing and repair facility					P	P	
Recreational vehicle dealership			P		P		
Restaurant-sit down	C		P	P			
Restaurant-fast food			P	P	P		
Restaurant-take out			P	P	P	P	
Retail sales establishment-community			P				
Retail sales establishment-neighborhood			P	P			
Retail sales establishment-regional			P				
Salesrooms for commercial gardens, plant nurseries, and greenhouses		C					

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	PS	AG	PC	NB	PI	LI	MU
Tackle and bait shop			P				
SERVICE/INDUSTRIAL							
Animal grooming service			P	P	P		
Automobile storage					P		
Barber or beauty shop			P	P			
Batching plant					P		
Blacksmith shop					P		
Boat (and marine supply) dealership					P		
Broadcasting studio			P		P		
Car wash			P		P		
Car wash, industrial					P		
Car wash, self service			P		P	P	
Check cashing facility			P		P		
Commercial service facility			P	P	P	P	
Day care center			P	P	P		P
Drug store and pharmacy			P	P			
Drug store and pharmacy, with drive-thru			P				
Dry cleaning establishment			P	P	P		
Dry cleaning establishment, with drive-thru			P		P		
Dry cleaning plant					P		
Extraction & processing of raw materials from the earth and processing thereof		P			P		
Filling station and convenience store with pump stations			P		P		
Film drop-off and pick up stations			P		P		
Film processing plant			P		P		
Financial Institution, no drive-thru			P	P	P		
Financial Institution, drive-thru			P		P		
Heliport-public or private			P		P		
Hospice			P	P			
Hospital			P				P
Hotel and motel			P				
Hotel and motel-extended stay			P				
Incinerator					P		
Industrial sales, service, and storage					P	P	

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	PS	AG	PC	NB	PI	LI	MU
Junk or salvage yard					P*		
Kennel, boarding		P*	P		P	P	
Kennel, private		P*			P		
Laboratory-professional, scientific			P**		P	P	
Laboratory							P
Laundromat			P		P		
Lumberyard					P		
Mail order sales warehouse			P**		P	P	
Manufacturing, fabrication, assembly, processing, or packing except explosives or flammable gases or liquids			P**		P	P	
Meat packing facility					P		
Motorcycle, ATV, and similar motor vehicles storage					P		
Nursing home			P				
Oil change facility			P		P		
Parking area (stand-alone), including garages, for automobiles. Not including sales or storage of damaged vehicles for more than 72 hours			P	P	P		P
Professional and technical service facility			P	P	P	P	
Recreational vehicle storage					P		
Research laboratory & facility			P		P		P
Self-storage facility			P**		P	P	
Sheet metal shop					P		
Shooting range, indoor					P		
Shooting range, outdoor					P		
Steel mill, foundry, and smelter					P		
Substance abuse facilities-outpatient					P		P
Substance abuse facilities-inpatient					P		P
Sulphur, cement, or rubber reclamation plants					P		
Tattoo parlor/body piercing studio			P				
Theatre, indoor			P				
Theatre, outdoor			P				
Tow yard					P		
Transit storage yard					P		

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	PS	AG	PC	NB	PI	LI	MU
Transit transfer station and terminals for trucks, buses, railroads, watercraft or other modes of public transportation					P		
Trucks, trailers, construction equipment, and agricultural equipment outdoor storage					P		
Trucks, trailers, construction equipment, agricultural equipment sales, rental, and leasing					P		
Vehicle repair and service facility			P		P		
Veterinary clinic		P	P	P	P		
Warehouse, general			P**		P	P	
Warehouse, wholesale or storage of live animals, explosives, or flammable gases and liquids					P		
Welding shop, sheet metal and blacksmith shop					P		
Yard for storage of contractors' equipment, materials and supplies					P		
EDUCATIONAL							
College/university			P				P
Kindergarten or nursery school			P				
Specialized private school			P		P		P
Vocational school			P		P		P
Vocational school with outdoor training			P**		P	P	
ADULT USES							
Adult bookstore			P		P		
Adult entertainment business or establishment			P		P		
Adult entertainment facility			P		P		
Adult motion picture theatre			P		P		
Bathhouse			P		P		
Massage parlor			P		P		
Modeling studio			P		P		
Specific sexual activities			P		P		
UTILITIES							
Device for energy generation		P	P	P	P	C	C
Individual sewage treatment facilities		P	P*		P*		
Public utility facilities	P*	P	P*	P*	P*	P	P
Public facilities over 60 feet in height		C	P	P	P	P	P
Public utility transmission and distribution lines and pipelines, underground and aboveground, including booster stations	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Radio, television, and communication transmitting, receiving, or relay towers and facilities		C					

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	PS	AG	PC	NB	PI	LI	MU
Sanitary landfill					P		
Sewage treatment facilities, other than facilities permitted as an accessory use	C						
Sewage system					P		
Solid waste, compost facility					P		
Solid waste, facility					P		
Solid waste, transfer facility					P		
Telecommunications structure		P	P	P	P	P	
Telecommunications tower or facility		P	P	P	P	C	


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Spirit Airport History



Paul D. Haglin
in his blue and
white Cessna 195

People in aviation have always been a special breed. Fearless dreamers who find solace in flight or in the machines that make it possible. Even today, people involved in aviation have a certain knack for seeing the big picture of how things lend themselves to another, no matter if they are a pilot, maintenance technician, air traffic controller or just someone who loves airplanes. The love of aviation is what binds them together. The story of how Spirit of St. Louis Airport came to be is no different.

Paul D. Haglin had aviation in this blood. As a young man in the late 1950's, he had successfully melded his love for aviation into a career as an aerospace engineer working for McDonnell-Douglas in St. Louis, Missouri. As an avid aviator and private pilot himself, Haglin often took to the skies as part of his business and, more often than not, for pleasure. At the time, Haglin's airplane, a blue and white Cessna 195, was based at Lambert Field.

In late 1958 and early 1959, not long after he arrived in St. Louis from Minnesota, Haglin started to experience first hand much of what he had heard about Lambert; the dense air traffic and continued growth of the field toward a major commercial airport. Haglin would sometimes wait for clearance to take off for upwards of 45 minutes. Having to wait for commercial flights and other aircraft higher in priority was past being a nuisance and fast becoming a real problem for the general aviation aircraft that utilized Lambert. Officials estimated the traffic would reach a saturation point at that airport within five years. The idea of an airpark located in St. Louis County to serve the needs of business and general aviation in the area was born during one of those lengthy delays in taking off from Lambert. In the year that followed, Haglin found himself flying over various existing airfields, landing and taking off, to see if any of them could be expanded into a desirable executive airport. Most of the sites he visited were too small to be expanded to the extent that Haglin has envisioned and he quickly came to the realization that he would have to start from scratch and build his dream.

As Haglin's vision progressed, he began to realize there were some very obvious needs that his project could fill. The first was obviously that the region needed the type of airport he was proposing and second, that St. Louis County would benefit from a hybrid airport that incorporated an industrial park into the design. It would allow access to the airport to companies who utilized aviation in their operations, and be the anchor to further industrial development in the future.

Soon after, Haglin partnered with a local attorney, William C. Honey and formed Haglin & Co. to find the perfect location. In 1961, they found it. That location was known as "Gumbo", a stretch of farmland in west St. Louis County. Haglin & Co.'s proposal to the County Planning Commission called for 1,037 acres of the land, 343 acres for the airfield complex and another 694 acres for the related industrial park.

The proposed cost for the land acquisition was \$7.9 million dollars. Since most of the land in the area at the time was farmland, Haglin & Co. spent the next 2-3 years negotiating with some 37 landowners in the area to gain options to the needed space, as well as struggling with St. Louis County to get the farmland re-zoned as industrial. Meanwhile, the search was on to secure financing for the airport. That eventually came from Republic Nations Life Insurance Company in Dallas, TX.

With financing in place, and the Planning Commission's blessing, Haglin & Co. secured the needed land by purchasing approximately half of it outright. The remaining half was acquired through negotiated 99-year lease situations.

After a series of delays, the rezoning of the land for the proposed airport development was finally approved and the land acquisition plan began to move forward. Haglin now had to deal with another issue. An existing airfield was located just ½ mile directly across what is now Chesterfield Airport Road from Haglin's proposed airpark. Lobmaster Sky Ranch Airport was a small airport that was home to small aircraft operations including flight training, skydiving and some charter activities. The field itself was small and the runway short, thus limiting the types of aircraft that could operate there safely. It did not have a tower and most of the aircraft that operated there didn't even have radios at the time.

The construction of Spirit of St. Louis involved building the necessary access roads and infrastructure as well as the runway and terminal building. The runway was to be 5,100 ft. long and 75 ft. wide with a full taxiway and aircraft parking area, twice the size of the existing Lobmaster facility. This only added to the dilemma of how to keep costs from skyrocketing. Haglin & Co. enlisted a local concrete company

and soon found his answer. The runway was to be built from soil cement, a process where concrete is mixed with the native soil in the area.

It was also a process that would not work just anywhere, but the conditions happened to be just right in Gumbo. The original runway was constructed with 22 inches of compacted subgrade, 7.5 inches of soil cement and 2.5 inches of asphalt on top of that. This helped Haglin keep costs under control while still being able to construction a first class runway. With a runway solution in hand, next was the construction of a 1,500 sq. ft. terminal building and a row of T-hangars.



Meanwhile, concerns over the two airports operating so close together increased. Haglin worked diligently with David Lobmaster, the operator of Lobmaster Sky Ranch during this time. Soon, an agreement was reached. Lobmaster would close and relocate all of their services and facilities to the new Spirit Airpark. Unfortunately, Lobmaster was killed in an airplane accident shortly thereafter and the agreement was never put in writing. The subsequent owner of Lobmaster did not acknowledge the previous deal. What ensued was a legal battle between the two airports. By this time the majority of the construction at Spirit was complete, but since Lobmaster was still in operations, the FAA determined that two airports in such close proximity did represent a safety hazard since neither one had an air traffic control tower. The answer came in the shape of Federal Regulation Park 93, Subpart G, which ultimately said that Spirit must have a tower to be operational and that the traffic at Lobmaster would have to obey instruction from the Spirit Tower.



In early 1964, with construction of the main facilities complete, Haglin still had the tower issue to overcome and he had to do it fast. Spirit had to fund the tower and its controllers on its own per the FAA's decision. The new tower was constructed primarily of storm doors and windows on top of four telephone poles. There was only a trap door for entry and no restroom facilities. By August of 1964, Spirit had hired full-time Air Traffic Controllers to man the tower. One of those men was Richard Hrabko. With the controllers in place, Haglin was free to open his airport and finally did on August 30, 1964. The first airplane to land was his Cessna 195. "That tower wasn't pretty, that's for sure. It would get 135 degrees in there in the summer because our window air conditioner wouldn't work all the time," said Hrabko. "We used to call it "Old Shaky" because the wind would get it to rocking and the windows would rattle. In bad weather we used to have to duck below the frames because we were afraid the glass would implode, but we never did have any problems like that," he continued." "Old Shaky" was used as the tower for Spirit from 1964 to 1970.

With the airport operational and the facilities complete, Spirit was out to make a name for itself within the aviation community. Superior service and facilities quickly made people notice what was happening in "Gumbo". Spirit not only was the airport, but also acted as an early FBO, selling Shell Aviation Fuels. The airport had its own fuel farm installed shortly after opening and had new fuel trucks on the premises.

The next four years were pivotal for Spirit (1964 to 1968) as Spirit and Lobmaster operated simultaneously, both taking direction from one tower. Most of the airplanes based at Lobmaster did not have radios which presented a unique challenge to the controllers who had to transmit signals to the pilots with a light gun device. Since the Spirit runway and the Lobmaster runway were perpendicular and the final approach courses crossed, the controllers had to be extra careful.

In 1965, the Spirit of St. Louis Airport was officially dedicated with all of the fanfare due the most innovative executive airpark of the times. Mayor Alfonso J. Cervantes officially opened the airport in a most memorable way. Instead of using giant ceremonial scissors to cut the opening ribbon, Cervantes and a pilot approached the ribbon held aloft by hundreds of helium balloons in a helicopter and gracefully snipped the ribbon with the rotors! Soon after, Cervantes climbed atop a podium and presented Haglin and Honey with a commemorative plaque. The day and weekend were marked with this special dedication as well as other air show-type events.

And so Spirit ushered in a new appreciation for aviation in the St. Louis Area and with it, the hopes of attracting corporate flight departments and other aviation businesses.





Ralston-Purina was the first such corporate flight department to make a commitment at the new airfield in 1965. Their flight department consisted of seven aircraft ranging in size from a Gulfstream I down to a Twin Beechcraft. The company was also positioning itself to take delivery of the first business jet based at Spirit, a Falcon 20 in 1966.

The company's move was contingent on Spirit acquiring an instrument approach suitable for a jet of that size. Spirit's own Richard Hrabko quickly designed a VOR DME approach that fit the bill. But, the approach was not available to just anyone. Only those companies who had a need for it and agreed to abide by special operating rules were allowed to use it.

Around the same time in 1965 that Ralston-Purina became the first corporate flight department to be based at Spirit, Thunderbird Aviation was poised to become the first Fixed Base Operator. Owned by Dr. Durand Benjamin, Thunderbird Aviation arranged to build an 8,000 sq. ft. hangar facility at the east end of the field to house his Mooney Dealership, maintenance operations and flight school. Soon, other aviation businesses followed suit. Malcolm-Jacobs, a well-respected aircraft dealer, also moved to Spirit and started a maintenance facility at the field.



Shortly thereafter, more and more business aircraft including jets, were utilizing Spirit. Lobmaster Sky Ranch was still operating simultaneously. That is until 1968, when plans for the construction of modern highway 40-61 took the new development straight through the middle of Lobmaster's runway. The airport ceased operation before the end of 1968. That left Spirit of St. Louis, the lone shining example of executive aviation in the Midwest.

The 70's marked a new era for Spirit of St. Louis Airport, one of success and growth. It had already become a Prime Reliever Airport for the St. Louis Metro area as designated by the FAA and had become home to many aviation-oriented businesses. In 1971, the FAA released a study of the top four most important privately owned airports in the country. On that list were Palwaukee, Addison, Burbank and Spirit of St. Louis. The study recommended that these airports become publicly owned. Then in 1975, County Supervisor Gene McNary recognized the importance of this recommendation and started down the road to making this a reality.

Around this same time, Spirit was upgrading its base facilities by constructing a new terminal building, including 11,000 sq. ft. for the FAA Regional Flight Service Station that was being relocated from Lambert. The original terminal building was then leased to Blayney's as a restaurant. Another step towards this goal was for the FAA to assume responsibility for all air traffic control operations at the field.

A new tower-cab was purchased (tower at current Airport Administration Building) from Air Canada and assembled in the Ralston Purina hangar. To save money, the tower site was elevated with dirt before the column was constructed. This allowed for the needed height of the tower without building an expensive column. (This tower was used from 1970 to 1984).





With all of these improvements and after five years of planning, St. Louis acquired a grant to purchase Spirit of St. Louis Airport. The County took over operation of the airport on January 1, 1980.

Spirit of St. Louis Airport had become a publicly owned, self-supporting enterprise. This meant that the revenues generated at the field covered the cost of its existence and that any remaining funds could stay at the airport to fund improvements. In addition to these self-generated revenues, more than \$60 million in federal grant money was invested in the airport infrastructure in 24 years. 1984 brought further improvements. A federal grant was secured in order to build the north runway and accompanying ramp and taxiway system. That same year, the FAA built an entirely new 118 ft. tower in order to accommodate the new two-runway system. (this is the current tower in use at Spirit.) These new improvements effectively doubled the capacity at Spirit. Prior to these developments, the airport was running at 90% capacity.

In the early years of Spirit's development, the industrial park became an idea that many people thought was ahead of its time. The airport had a hard time finding businesses that were non-aviation oriented, willing to locate in Chesterfield, primarily because there was no industry there at the time. Slowly, the idea caught up with the current business situation in St. Louis and more and more companies began to look toward Chesterfield Valley. After nearly two decades of sustained growth and improvement at Spirit Airport, this trend expanded into the industrial park with the airport leasing over 50 acres of property in the early 1990's.



The flood of 1993 was a defining moment for Spirit of St. Louis Airport. With rains increasing and the chances of flooding becoming real, everyone's eyes were on the water level on the Monarch levee. Spirit Airport Administration decided that when the water reached 3 feet below the edge of the levee, that the airport would be evacuated.

On July 30th, it reached that mark and was rising at a rate of three inches per hour.



There were 720 aircraft on the field when the decision was made to evacuate. The levee broke at 10:30 that night, unleashing a wall of water moving towards the airport. Evacuation and repositioning of aircraft continued until 11:30 pm that night. The last of the aircraft took off as water enveloped the end of the runway. In all, 705 aircraft were evacuated. Lambert Field closed down one runway so that most of Spirit's jets could be parked there. Of the 15 aircraft left on the field, only one was flyable and the owner couldn't make arrangements to get it out. The rest were without engines or were in non-flyable condition because of maintenance.

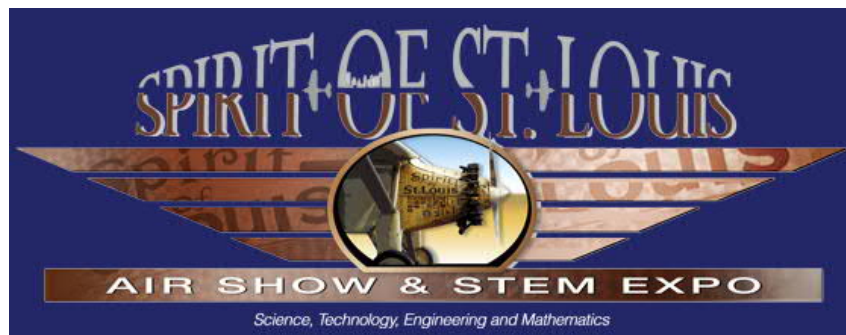
At the height of the flood, the airport was 10-12 feet underwater and the water level stayed that high for 2-3 weeks. In all, 15 airports in the Midwest region were flooded. When the water finally did begin to recede, the daunting task of beginning to clean up was still at hand. More than 150 people from various recovery agencies set up shop on the terminal ramp. Tents housed a mess hall, sleeping quarters and portable restrooms, as the recovery became a 24-hour a day effort.

Thanks to the remarkable recovery effort, the airport was reopened with limited capacity 80 days after the levee broke. 13 months later the airport was back to 100%. In the weeks and months to come after the flood, Chesterfield Valley saw an influx of new businesses and companies relocating to the valley. The result of this massive expansion has led to the very different, very developed Chesterfield Valley you see today.

In 2000 The Landings at Spirit opened. A gorgeous 200 acre, FAA approved 18-hole golf course now sits to the south of the main runway at Spirit. Underneath it lays a state of the art storm water detention system, complete with adjustable 250,000 gallon irrigation storage tank.



The year 2014 marked Spirit of St. Louis Airport's 50th Anniversary and it was celebrated with the new Spirit of St. Louis Air Show & STEM Expo. This now brings us to present day. Please take the time to peruse our website as we welcome your comments.



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