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Mr. Charles Adams
Superintendent
Spencer County Board of Education
207 West Main Street
Taylorsville, KY 40071

Re: Adult Education Building, Main Cross, Taylorsville, Kentucky

Parking Lot, Main Cross, Taylorsville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Adams;

You presented me with a question of who holds title to the property commonly known as the Adult Education Building and the parking lot located at the corner of Back Alley and Main Cross in Taylorsville, Kentucky.

A brief history of the property is warranted to fully understand and appreciate the history of this property. The approximately 8 acres tract was originally owned by Yoder Poignard, and more commonly known as the Knoll property. Mr. Poignard originally gave the property to the City of Taylorsville for use as a park, a deed was recorded on November 18, 1899, in Deed Book 23, Page 636, in the Office of the Spencer County Court Clerk. This deed contained certain restrictions and timelines that required the City to have certain aspects of the park completed within certain time periods. The City must have defaulted on these conditions due to the fact that Mr. Poignard filed a suit against the City and received a judgment against the City voiding Deed Book 23, page 636 in the Office of the Spencer County Court Clerk's Office (See Spencer Circuit Court Orders #9825, Kentucky Department of Library and Archives), a copy of the Judgment is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Mr. Poignard then made an agreement dated May 5, 1906, in which he agreed that since the citizens of Taylorsville raised \$10,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a school he would give to the citizens of Taylorsville the approximately 8 acres, commonly known as the Knoll property as a building site and an additional \$2,000.00. A copy of this document is attached

hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference. One thing worth noting in this document is the property line extends from the back of the Catholic Church property North to the property of Dr. Sealey. Research has indicated that Dr. Sealey owned property on the north side of the current Park Alley, which at that time was a through street that connected Main Cross to Jefferson Street. The document also contained two other items of interest; 1) There was an easement included for Kings Daughters for Library purposes on a lot 35 ft wide on Main Cross and no deeper than the well lot; 2) There was a revisionary clause that the property should be used for educational purposes.

However, before the deed could be signed Mr. Poignard was hit by a train in Taylorsville and died on August 28, 1906. Mr. Poignard's will was admitted to probate on September 3, 1906, a copy of the Will was recorded in Will Book K, Page 484, in the Office of the Spencer County Court Clerk. The Will stated the Knoll property was to be given to the City of Taylorsville for a park. Therefore a conflict arose between the Will and the Agreement reached on May 5, 1906. The result was a circuit court action to settle which entity should receive the approximately 8 acre Knoll property (Kentucky Department of Library and Archives, Spencer Circuit Court Case No. 13045). The Court ruled that the Agreement to give the Knoll to the Taylorsville Graded School was indeed enforceable and ordered the Master Commissioner to convey the property subject to the terms as stated in the agreement, a copy of the Judgment is attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by reference. The City received the residue of Mr. Poignard's knoll property being approximately one acre at the corner of Main Cross and Park Alley, that was used as a park for many years.

In accordance with the Circuit Court Judgment, the property was conveyed by the Master Commissioner to the Taylorsville Graded Common School with two restrictions; 1) The Deed contains a restriction that the property must be used for educational purposes; 2) The was an easement in favor of King's Daughters for Library purpose on a small lot fronting Main Cross Street next to the Artisan Well property. A copy of the Master Commissioner deed is of record in Deed Book 28, Page 171, in the Office of the Spencer County Court Clerk's Office, and attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

The original deed provided a provision that the Kings Daughter's had an easement on the lot where the current Adult Education Building is located for library purposes. According the History of Spencer County, Kentucky, written by Mary Frances Brown, in 1909 the Ambassador Circle Kings Daughters did in fact build the current building then it was assumed by Fidelis Circle of King's Daughter and was operated as a Library for a short period of time. In the 1920 the Library closed and the school used it for classroom space. The Library was then reopened in 1966, as a Public Library in cooperation with the School System, Spencer County Fiscal Court, and Kentucky Department of Libraries (See page 127 & page 170 The History of Spencer County by Mary Frances Brown).

The Library relocated to their present location sometime in the late 1980s and abandoned the building now housing the Adult Education Center. For a brief period of time I remember this building being used by the Ruritan Club of Taylorsville in the late 1980s early 1990s, however I

could not find any documents of public record that show who the landlord was for the Ruritan Club. In addition the Adult Education/Library Property was never conveyed to any other entity and the records do not show when the King's Daughters relinquished their right of and easement for Library Purposes. However the School System has been control of the property for period in excess of 15 years at this point, therefore in my opinion pursuant to Kentucky Law the easement has been abandon by prescription and the easement is no longer encumbering the property.

In closing it is my opinion the approximately 8 acre knoll property (including the Adult Education Building and Parking Lot) is currently owned by the Spencer County Board of Education being a successor in interest to the Taylorsville Graded Common School with the following restrictions:

- 1) All the property contains a restriction that it must be used for educational purposes. The original agreement mentioned a reversion clause should be in the deed, but that was not included in the Master Commissioner Deed. In my opinion what was included in the Master Commissioner deed is a restriction as to the use of the property, " ... for educational purposes only" Therefore the property can only be used for educational purposes.
- 2) Interlocal Agreement between City of Taylorsville, Fiscal Court of Spencer County and the Spencer County School Board, attached hereto as Exhibit "D " This agreement subjects the parking lot at the intersection of Main Cross and Back Alley to agreement between the parties as to the use and maintenance of the parking lot. This agreement was entered into on July 1, 1999. From the research I have conducted I have not found where this agreement was ever terminated by any of the parties, therefore I must assume it remains in effect. This agreement may be terminated with 60 days' notice prior to the yearly renewal date of July 1. A copy if the interlocal agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "E"

My opinions are limited to only documents of public record in the Spencer County Court Clerk's Office, and/or Kentucky Department of Library and Archives, and any documents provided to me by the Spencer County Board of Education.

Should you have any questions or should you wish me to present this to Board of Education at one of their regular meetings please let me know.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Tichenor

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Witness my hand, this 22 day of Juny 1907

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By A.le. Bucker D.le

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in the Spenew circuit Court Commonwealth of Kentucky an order was entered
at the January term 1907 directing me the Marter Commissioner of Said Court
to execute a Deed of Conveyance of property in The Town of Tayloraville Ky
hireinafter described from the Trustees of the Town of Tayloraville who are hereinafter
marned to the Trustees of the Tayloraville Graded Common School District who are
1. J. Beard also hereinafter named but for greater certainty the record and proceedings in
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January 1907 a. J. Beard Master Commissioner Spencer Curent Court. acknowledged by the Commissioner examined and approved in open Court this 11 day of January 1907 R. F. Peak Judge Spencer Circuit Court State of Kentucky 3 det Spencer Circuit Court I W M Black leberk of the Spencer Circuit Court do hereby certify that this Deed from M. J. Cook M. J. Froman W M Huston J. L. Ime and J. M. Reasor Insteer of the Town of Taylorsville by a. J. Beard Master Commissioner of said Court to John Speed J. W. Reasor E. D. Bourne Knox Brown and J. M. Dixon Timters of the Taylorsville Graded Common School District was in The 11th day of January 1907 presented in open Court by a. J. Beard Master Commissioner and was by him duly acknowledged to be his act and deed and the said deed having been

examined by the court was approved and confirmed and so

endorsed by the judge and ordered to be transmitted duly certified I. The Clink on the Shancer Courte Court day record which is

## INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

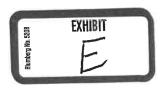
This INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT enter into by and between the SPENCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION of Spencer County, 207 W. Main Street, Taylorsville, KY 40071, the CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE, P.O. Box 279, Taylorsville, KY 40071 a municipal corporation, which is a Six Class City, and the SPENCER COUNTY FISCAL COURT, P.O. Box 397, Taylorsville, KY 40071 regarding the use of the blacktop parking area known as the "City parking lot" located on the corner of Main Cross and Back Alley behind the SPENCER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE building, Taylorsville, Kentucky, said real estate being owned by the SPENCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, KRS 65.210, Et Seq. authorizes local government entities, to enter into Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, such as this Agreement, and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into a formal agreement regarding said parking lot.

THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree that in consideration of the CITY, and the COUNTY maintaining said lot as needed and by providing liability insurance with the SPENCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION as a named insured on one or all of the other parties' liability insurance policy, with limits of at least \$1,000,000.00, the CITY, and the COUNTY may have the use of said parking lot for the general public with the following restrictions and limitations and subject to the



regulations established or imposed by the CITY and/or the local Planning and Zoning:

- 1. The SCHOOL BOARD retains the right to park school owned and operated vehicles, including Spencer County school buses, which will be parked on the back gravel protion of said property;
- There shall be no parking of any fire department vehicles.except under an emergency situations;
  - 3. There shall be no parking or storing of abandon vehicles;
- There shall be no parking of semitrailers and/or tractor trailer trucks, tractors and/or trailers;
- 5. The terms and provisions of this agreement begin July 1, 1999, and shall continue for one year therefrom and each year thereinafter, unless written notice is given by one or more of the parties to the other parties, 60 days prior to July 1 of the year in which the notifying party wishes to terminate the agreement, whereupon said agreement will be terminated at that time.
- 6. On the termination of this agreement, the said parking lot and the use thereof shall revert back to the SCHOOL BOARD.

Dated this the 1st day of July, 1999.

SPENCER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

MAVID JENKINS

COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE

WALTER HAHN, MAYOR

SPENCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

VICTORIA GOODLETT
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

BEN CHANDLER, ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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