

DR 69-13 - Request from Mt. Hope for  
Comprehensive Planning Program  
Assistance

*See Study Files  
5-224*

WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY

March 25, 1971

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

TO Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning  
Commission  
FROM Robert A. Lakin, Director of Planning *RAL*  
SUBJECT S-224 - Review of the Comprehensive Development Plan  
for the City of Mount Hope

Since April, 1970, the City of Mount Hope has been a member of MAPC, and the Mount Hope City Planning Commission has been working on the preparation of a Comprehensive Development Plan for their community and surrounding area. During this period, they have been assisted in preparing their Plan by Robert Young, Principal Planner in the Community Development Division of the Metropolitan Area Planning Department.

The Plan document was completed in December of 1970 and on February 8, 1971, the Mount Hope City Planning Commission took action to approve the Plan and submit it to interested individuals, organizations and agencies for their review and comment. A copy of the submittal letter, approving resolution, and the Plan document is attached.

As provided by law, individuals, organizations and agencies receiving the Plan have 60 days within which to review and return their comments to the Mount Hope City Planning Commission. The Mount Hope City Planning Commission may then take action to officially adopt the Plan document taking into consideration the comments received.

The Mount Hope Planning Commission understands that the completion and adoption of their Plan is the first step in the continuing planning process. They have indicated an interest in following up with the development of implementation techniques such as city zoning, subdivision regulations and 3-mile ring zoning.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Department has reviewed the Mount Hope Comprehensive Plan to determine if there are any proposals that duplicate or conflict with any other planning proposals known to exist in the Metropolitan Area. Due to the close cooperation and coordination between the Mount Hope Planning Commission, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, and the Planning Department staff, no conflicts or duplications are apparent.

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Comments and Recommendation:

On the basis of review, the Planning Department staff suggests that MAPC forward the following comments to the Mount Hope City Planning Commission and Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners:

1. The Mount Hope Plan proposals do not conflict with nor duplicate proposals contained in existing adopted elements of the Comprehensive Development Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area. The Mount Hope Plan, in fact, adds useful detail to the more general elements of the Comprehensive Plan.
2. The Mount Hope Plan proposals will be given full consideration and review during all future updating and re-evaluation of the Comprehensive Development Plan elements for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area.
3. It appears that the Mount Hope Plan provides an appropriate basis for the establishment of city and county zoning districts and making capital improvement expenditures if desired and pursued by the City of Mount Hope in the future.
4. The Metropolitan Area Planning Commission commends the City of Mount Hope and the Mount Hope City Planning Commission for their continued efforts in planning for the orderly growth of their community.

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Attachments 3

June 27, 1969

Mr. J. Donald Porter, Chairman  
Mt. Hope Planning Commission  
Mt. Hope, Kansas 67108

Dear Mr. Porter:

This letter is to inform you of the action taken by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission on your notice to become a member city of MAPC and your request for community planning assistance from the Metropolitan Area Planning Department in your planning program.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Commission has officially received your 15 day notice of intent to become a member city and is pleased with your intention to become a member city upon passage of a local ordinance.

A motion was made and unanimously passed authorizing the MAPD staff to provide community planning assistance to prepare a Comprehensive Development Plan for the City of Mt. Hope and its environs.

Steve Thompson, Community Planner in our Current Plans Division, has been instructed to attend the Mt. Hope Planning Commission's meetings to provide technical assistance to the Planning Commission and City Council.

It is our understanding that your City Plan, when completed, would form the basis for you to use in recommending zoning districts to the Board of County Commissioners for the establishment of the Sedgwick County Zoning Resolution in the 3-mile area

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around the City. We look forward to participating with you in  
the preparation of your Plan.

Very sincerely yours,

C. Bickley Foster  
Secretary

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cc: Jack Rickards, Mayor, City of Mt. Hope  
C. L. Beal, City Clerk, City of Mt. Hope  
Richard Caffrey, Secretary, Mt. Hope Planning Commission  
James Schaefer, City Attorney, City of Mt. Hope  
Earl Rush, Chairman, Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners  
Elmer S. Peters, Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners  
Tom Scott, Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners  
Tom Craig, Sedgwick County Zoning Administrator

June 20, 1969

Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area  
Planning Commission

C. Bickley Foster, Director of Planning

Mt. Hope Request for Assistance

In regards to the letter received from the Mt. Hope Planning Commission requesting community planning services by MAPD, it is recommended that MAPC authorize Steve Thompson, Community Planner II, to proceed to provide such planning assistance. It is understood that this matter can be scheduled in the community planning work program to begin within the next two months. The first phase of the planning program would be a community survey and the formulation of a Comprehensive Development Plan for the City of Mt. Hope and should be completed early in 1970.

At present, the draft of a plan for Goddard is completed, however, local officials have had some difficulty in attendance and in holding the necessary meetings to review the Plan for formal adoption. Assuming that this matter can be overcome, then Thompson would concurrently work on a Plan for Cheney, as previously authorized, and this new request from Mt. Hope.

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June 9, 1969

Mr. J. Donald Porter, Chairman  
Mount Hope/Greeley Township Planning Commission  
Mount Hope, Kansas 67108

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the letter from your Secretary, dated June 9, 1969, relative to a request for community planning services and to indicate the intention of Mount Hope to become a member city of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. Your request will be placed on the MAPC agenda for Thursday, June 26, 1969, at 1:45 p.m.

As discussed with you, and as a matter of expediting your request, we will have Steve Thompson meet with James Schaefer, your City Attorney, and deliver to him the sample ordinance which has been used in the past to obtain membership. It is my understanding that your City Council will be meeting on Tuesday, July 1. Your letter of June 9 completes the 15 days' notice to MAPC of your intentions.

We will advise you of the action of the MAPC following their meeting of June 26.

Very sincerely yours,

C. Hickley Foster  
Secretary

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cc: Jack Rickards, Mayor, City of Mt. Hope  
Richard Caffrey, Secretary, Mt. Hope Planning Commission  
James Schaefer, City Attorney, City of Mt. Hope  
Earl Rush, Chairman, Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners  
Wm. J. Geibel, Chairman, MAPC  
Tom Craig, County Zoning Administrator



**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

AMHERST 2-8211 — AREA CODE 316  
CITY BUILDING ANNEX  
104 S. MAIN ST.  
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

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Tom Craig, County Zoning Administrator**

THE CITY OF MOUNT HOPE

Sedgwick County, Kansas

Office of the City Clerk

Mount Hope, Kansas  
June 9, 1969

Mr. Bickley Foster, Secretary,  
Wichita-Sedgwick County MAPC,  
104 So. Main St.,  
Wichita, Kansas

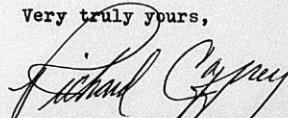
Dear Mr. Foster:

The Mount Hope/Greeley Township Planning Committee requests the services of the MAPC planning group to assist in developing a community plan directed toward future zoning plans for the City of Mount Hope, and the three (3) mile surrounding area.

Our regular committee meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, and we would like to request that your community planner attend our meetings.

This letter will also inform you that it is the intention of the Mount Hope City Council to pass an ordinance as required to join MAPC as a member city.

Very truly yours,



Richard Gaffrey, Secretary  
Mount Hope Planning Committee

May 28, 1969

Earl Rush, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

C. Bickley Foster, Director of Planning

**Mt. Hope Meeting**

The Mt. Hope City Planning Commission, through their City Attorney James Schaefer, has requested a meeting with the Planning Commission and Planning Department to discuss the possibilities for future planning in their area. Since noting this earlier in our MAPD status report, it has now been confirmed that the meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. in their City Hall Building on Monday, June 9. In discussions with Chairman Goebel, it was determined that Messrs. Hennessy and Souders would have an interest in attending and represent MAPC. Their Planning Commission was formed sometime last fall and several of their members, particularly their Mayor and City Council, attended the Community Planning School which we held for local officials from September through December last year. They do not have zoning inside the City and from newspaper reports there have been indications of incompatible land uses which have occurred around the City which evidently concern them. We are not fully advised as to what their intentions are in planning, but probably the question of membership in MAPC may well arise in the discussions.

Because this is the first formal meeting with this group and may involve their City Council as well, I thought that you might wish to be further advised of it and may wish to attend the meeting. If you desire to do so, Steve Thompson and I will be attending and perhaps could coordinate transportation if you wish.

By a copy of this memorandum to Messrs. Hennessy and Souders this will confirm the arrangements for them and perhaps Mr. Hennessy would like to consider some joint transportation arrangements. Please let me know what your desires might be.

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cc: Alvin J. Hennessy  
Floyd Souders