

May 14, 2021

Dear Mr. Krull –

Below is the information requested by Miami County regarding the petition received on April 9, 2021 to form the City of Golden, Kansas.

**(1) The size and population of such city;** According to the 2010 Census, the City of Edgerton population is 1,617 and was approximately four square miles.

**(2) its growth in population, business and industry during the past ten (10) years;** In 2013, Logistics Park Kansas City (LPKC) opened as a 1,000-acre master-planned distribution and warehouse development anchored by global intermodal transportation leader, BNSF Railway. Today there is more than 14 MM square feet of warehouse and distribution space built and occupied.

**(3) the extension of its boundaries during the past ten (10) years;** Since 2013, Edgerton has extended its city limits to include the growth of LPKC to a 3,000-acre world-class inland port with capacity for 17 million square feet of industrial buildings.

**(4) the probability of its growth toward the territory during the ensuing ten (10) years, taking into consideration natural barriers and other reasons which might influence growth toward the territory;** Based on the success of LPKC and demand for this type of development and other supporting development it is probable that the City of Edgerton would continue to grow in or adjacent to the territory as requested to annex by property owners.

**(5) the willingness of the city to annex the territory and its ability to provide city services in case of annexation;** The City of Edgerton has maintained a strict policy of only annexing property by consent of the owner. While the City certainly anticipates the possibility of expansion southward into Miami County as described in 4 above, that growth will only occur if the owners of the respective properties request annexation themselves. The City would only consider annexation of the territory in question if it received a request for consent annexation. The City has provided services to new property annexed into the city limits as development occurs and would anticipate a similar approach to any new territory annexed at the request of the property owner.

**(6) the general effect upon the entire community, should there be additional cities in the area; all of these and other considerations having to do with the overall orderly and economic development of the area and to prevent an unreasonable multiplicity of independent municipal governments.** The City of Edgerton and its governing body consistently stress the importance of partnerships, whether it be with businesses at Logistics Park Kansas City, other business owners, utility providers, neighboring municipalities, etc. Should the County approve this request for incorporation the City would

welcome the opportunity to partner with a new neighboring city of the third class. City staff does not anticipate a significant effect upon the Edgerton community should this incorporation occur, but in that event the City will certainly be interested in the approach Miami County takes as it relates to County infrastructure which is subsumed by the City of Golden.

As described above, growth in Edgerton has occurred at a record pace and should that pace continue it is certainly possible that annexation could result in the City extending into Miami County. Should that occur, the City would assume that whatever approach is taken by the County on infrastructure maintenance or providing services such as police or fire protection within the Golden territory, and any other economic development benefits provided to the territory in this process, would be extended to the City of Edgerton as well.

Sincerely,



Donald Roberts  
Mayor