

August 7, 2016

Marion County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals  
230 E Main Street  
Marion, KS 66861

RE: Case No. PC-13-03

Dear Members of the Marion County Planning Commission,

I am writing regarding the application of Gavin Shields, on behalf of James and Linda Green, to operate a salvage yard at 2867 Highway 77 near Lincolnville. I am asking you to deny the application. I live just around the corner from the property in question on Kansas Street.

Mr. Shields has been operating a salvage yard at this location since the spring of 2016, apparently without the proper zoning permits from Marion County, since you are just now holding a hearing.

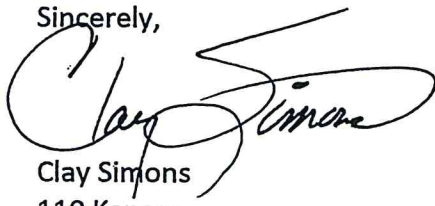
Over the past several months, the property, which is along First Street in Lincolnville near Lombard Street has really become an eyesore. During this time, the city's ditch was destroyed, all manner of unsightly junk and used tires have shown up on the property, and it is surrounded by a makeshift fence of used trailers, signs and panels with an old used pickup as the gate. Mr. Shields operates equipment at this site all hours of the night, disturbing our neighborhood as well. Additionally, all Lincolnville residents get their drinking water from wells, and a salvage yard at this location could affect the quality of our groundwater.

I am afraid if this is allowed to continue, property values in our area of town will go down. Because of its size and location, Lincolnville is already a difficult place to sell a home, and an operational salvage yard could make it nearly impossible to sell a home in southern Lincolnville. Also, the only access to the property is on First Street or Lombard Street in Lincolnville, which are not equipped to handle the heavy vehicles and other equipment needed to transfer salvage materials in and out of a salvage yard.

I hope you seriously consider this information when you conduct your hearing on August 25<sup>th</sup>, and deny the application for Mr. Shields and James and Linda Green to operate a salvage yard that adjoins a residential area of Lincolnville, Kansas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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