

FOR ALL SSOA MEMBERS:

Your board has been investigating the possibility of incorporating our park, and becoming a municipality. We feel there would be numerous advantages to incorporation particularly in the quality of life issues. Also, incorporation would afford us the opportunity to levy a city sales tax on goods and services sold at Axton's, thereby increasing our revenues without placing a tax burden on our membership.

The board voted unanimously, Monday evening, to pursue a vote of the membership on this issue. A petition will be circulated in the coming week which will need the signatures of 20 registered voters in order to place incorporation on the November election ballot. Only voters who live in Steamboat can sign the petitions and vote on the issue in November. Should we vote in favor of incorporation, there would be an election at a later date to select your municipal commissioners. The city government would consist of a mayor and 2 commissioners who would be elected at large.

Whether you are for or against this change, you MUST be registered to vote as a resident of Steamboat Shores in order to participate. We will have registration forms available at the office on Saturday mornings or you can obtain the forms at the courthouse annex. Many of our residents are currently listing their voter address as Steamboat Shores. The county has informed us you must change your address to the 911 numbers in order to vote. Please check your voter registration card and make any needed changes as soon as possible. Don't know your 911 address? Call the East Texas Council of Governments at 1-800-517-1730.

Your board members will be happy to try and answer any questions you may have about incorporation. We look forward to visiting with the membership about this change.

If the November vote passes, each of you will be proud citizens of the city of Steamboat Shores, Texas