

RESOLUTION NO. 8990-R10

A RESOLUTION OF PROTEST

WHEREAS, Mr. Warren L. Rittenhouse has petitioned the County of Champaign for a Special Use Permit in the AG-2, Agriculture District to permit the petitioner to establish a private gun club on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the said petition is being considered by the various governmental authorities concerned under the style and name of "Champaign County ZBA Case #683-S-89, Special Use for a private gun club"; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Plan Commission has considered all matters pertaining to said petition and has forwarded the said petition to the Urbana City Council with its recommendation that the Urbana City Council protest the proposed Special Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Plan Commission recommendation is based on the following:

a. The proposed special use permit conflicts with Champaign County Land Use Policy 1.2 which states "The Board of Appeals and the County Board will restrict non-agricultural uses to non-agricultural areas or those areas where non-agricultural uses will not be incompatible with existing agricultural uses"; and

b. The Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District Report dated July 25, 1989 wherein the District's staff expressed concerns regarding introduction of lead into the environment from the proposed use and the negative impacts of the proposed use on the wildlife of the area; and

c. The application for the proposed use lacks sufficient site plan detail to adequately determine the impact of lights, noise and access on the site; and

d. The concerns and comments of surrounding neighbors.

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council, having duly considered all matters pertaining thereto, finds and determines that the proposed Special Use Permit would not be in the best interests of the City of Urbana and its citizens if granted as petitioned for.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

1. The City Council finds and determines that the facts contained in the above recitations are true.

2. That the Urbana City Council, on behalf of the said City, hereby resolve that the City of Urbana should and hereby does protest the proposed Special Use Permit as set forth in Champaign County ZBA Case 683-S-89, and urges that it not be granted.

3. That if the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals finds it in the public interest, however, to grant said special use request, the Urbana City Council urges the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals to impose the following conditions on said special use permit:

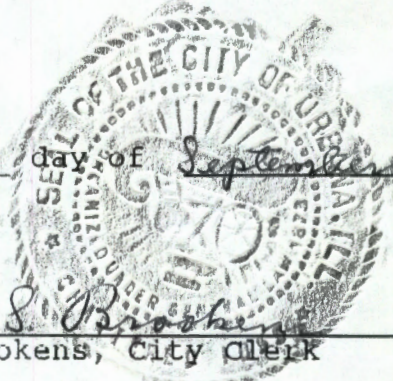
a. That the special use permit be valid for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of its issuance so that the proposed special use will not remain and conflict with urban development which may expand into the area over this time frame.

b. That the membership of the gun club proposed in the said special use request be limited to fifty (50) members in an effort to reduce congestion, traffic and intensity of the use.

c. That the gun club allowed in the special use permit be restricted to a trap shooting field, skeet field, and clay target shooting games.

4. The City Clerk of the City of Urbana is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution of Protest to the Champaign County Clerk and the Champaign County Zoning Administrator, and to mail a certified copy of this Resolution to the aforesaid Mr. Warren Rittenhouse, #5 Imperial Court, Champaign, IL 61820.

PASSED by the City Council this 5th day of September,
1989.



Ruth S. Brookens
Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 11th day of September,
1989.

Jeffrey T. Markland
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor