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## CORPORATE LIMITS CHANGED? WATCH FOR BUREAU OF CENSUS MAPS

The U.S. Bureau of the Census will mail maps Dec. 17, 1979, to each municipality in Tennessee. These maps are part of the Census Bureau's annual Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) and offer municipalities an opportunity to update their corporate limits, as of Jan. 1, 1980, to reflect any changes caused by annexation or detachment. Existing corporate limits also should be checked carefully for possible drafting errors, which can occur.

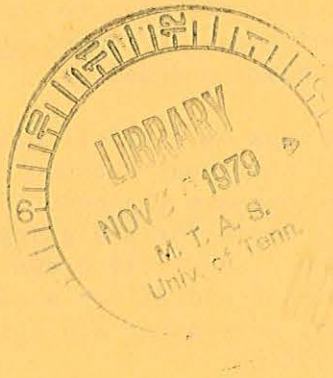
To insure correct delineation of city limits on Census maps, municipalities should return their BAS maps to the Geography Division of the U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC, immediately after Jan. 1, 1980. Consider the first of January a deadline.

A careful review of the maps by city officials, and a rapid return to the Bureau, are critical this year because the corporate limits cities certify on the 1980 BAS maps are the ones to be used on the 1980 Census maps. These provide the basis for assigning people counted in the Census to the right jurisdiction. Correctly drawn maps are very important since errors in corporate limits could affect a city's allocations of federal revenue sharing and local government aid monies as well as Congressional and legislative redistricting.

Cities which have had annexations during 1979 also should make certain that the proper state and county officials have been notified or are being notified:

1. Send results of census of annexed area to Executive Director, Tennessee State Planning Office, Nashville.
2. Mail TSPO or Bureau of Census certification of population to Director, Assessment Division, Tennessee Public Service Commission, Nashville. Send a legal description of areas annexed, a map of the areas, and names of public utilities serving the areas.
3. If there are any beer retailers in the annexed areas, obtain a list of beer wholesalers and mail each an affadavit describing the areas annexed and the effective date of annexation.
4. Send a certified copy of the annexation ordinances and a map showing streets, water mains, valves, and hydrants to the Superintendent of Fire Protection, Insurance Services Office of Tennessee, Nashville.
5. Send a certified copy of the ordinances and a map to the Chief, Cartography Unit, Research and Planning Bureau, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Nashville.
6. Send a certified copy of the ordinances and a map to the County Tax Assessor.

For further information and/or assistance, contact the MTAS Municipal Consultant serving your city.




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