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*File
Sandy Springs*

**FIRE AND POLICE
PROTECTION**

POLICE PROTECTION . . .

FACT:

If Sandy Springs became a part of Atlanta, it would receive the full-service police protection given a heavily populated urban area, instead of its present rural police service. This expanded protection would include:

- ♦ patrolmen on duty in the business district
- ♦ motorcycle patrolmen on traffic and patrol duty
- ♦ unlimited services and facilities of Atlanta's Juvenile Crime Prevention Squad and special Detective Department
- ♦ increased radio patrol service*

*This increased service follows the present trend toward mobility in police protection via two-way patrol cars. In accordance with the trend, no additional precinct stations are planned for the city, nor would they be planned for Sandy Springs at present.

FACT:

Atlanta now has about 1.5 uniformed policemen for every 1,000 population and hopes to increase that ratio, giving more protection to the entire city. Compare this ratio with only .5 per 1,000 in Sandy Springs.

FACT:

At present, the only laws enforceable in Sandy Springs are state laws, most of them designed to cover rural areas. Violators of state laws are turned over to the Fulton County sheriff for trial in a state court. If Sandy Springs joined Atlanta, city ordinances as well as state laws would be enforced as they now are in Atlanta.

FIRE PROTECTION . . .

FACT:

Atlanta has a Class 3 fire protection rating which compares favorably with other cities of similar size. This means city fire protection is good, based on number and location of fire stations, ample water supply in all areas, and number of men and engines. It also means fire insurance rates in the Atlanta area are considerably lower than in Sandy Springs, since fire premiums are based on the rating of the district.

FACT:

Sandy Springs has two different fire ratings, neither of which is equal to Atlanta's. Class 6 rating covers the area south of Dalrymple Road, which is the fire district . . . and Class 10 covers the area outside the fire district.

FACT:

Sandy Springs' present fire ratings mean . . .

- ♦ higher fire insurance rates
- ♦ less adequate fire protection

Sandy Springs' fire protection is furnished by one fire station equipped with one fully manned engine company, plus another fully manned engine company operating out of a city fire station on Northside Drive. Emergency back-up assistance is available from the Northside Drive Station and a station in Buckhead. Fire protection for the Sandy Springs fire district is furnished under a contract with Atlanta, for which residents of the fire district pay a 4.5 mill tax.

FACT:

A preliminary study of Sandy Springs indicates the following would be required to bring the area up to Class 3 standards permanently:

- ♦ 3 new fire stations
- ♦ replacement of 2 existing engines
- ♦ 1 new engine and 1 new ladder truck
- ♦ approximately 35 additional men

FACT:

Atlanta's good fire protection rating depends on maintenance of top quality fire fighting facilities throughout the city. Once Sandy Springs joined Atlanta, the city would have to bring the Sandy Springs area up to Class 3 requirements . . . or jeopardize the excellent rating now enjoyed by the entire city.

FACT:

Fire prevention as well as protection would be improved if Sandy Springs joined Atlanta.

- ♦ At present, the county has no fire inspectors. Once Sandy Springs joined Atlanta, it would have the services of city fire inspectors and fire investigators, including arson specialists

(or investigators) . . . plus the benefits of Atlanta's fire prevention program. At the present time, arson investigation in the Sandy Springs fire district is accomplished through the State Fire Marshal's office.

- ♦ High standards of training and supervision within the city would also be contributing factors toward fire prevention and protection.
- ♦ In case of serious emergency, Sandy Springs would have the back-up protection of the entire city fire department, not only its own local fire fighting facilities.

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**GOOD FIRE and POLICE PROTECTION
ARE BASIC COMMUNITY and FAMILY NEEDS.**

**SANDY SPRINGS MUST NOT SETTLE FOR LESS
THAN THE BEST IN THESE IMPORTANT AREAS.**

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