

TOWN OF LITTLE ITALY MAJOR EXPENSES

POLICE

Currently, the Pulaski side of Little Italy is served by the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) and, upon request by the PCSO, the Perry County Sheriff's Office. According to Op. Att'y Gen. 95-038 and Op. Att'y Gen. 97-234, "Generally, the sheriff owes a law enforcement duty to all of the people of the county." Although a new town of Little Italy must provide for the protection of its citizens (A.C.A. § 14-55-103), there is no general requirement for Little Italy to have a police department (see Op. Att'y Gen. 97-234 and Op. Att'y Gen. 94-358). However, the incorporating agents feel it necessary to provide the residents of Little Italy with our existing superior police protection and wish to contract with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Judge, and County Attorney for continued service to the area if it becomes a township.

As an example, Wrightsville pays \$90,000 annually for services from Pulaski County for police protection. With that figure in mind, the Little Italy Incorporation Task Force requested the 2014 dispatches from the PCSO and determined that 101 dispatches were made to the proposed Little Italy boundary that year. According to the data, the total number of dispatches in Pulaski County in 2014 was 29,240. Given this figure, the percentage of dispatches to Little Italy was less than 1/2 of 1% of the yearly total within Pulaski County or 0.00345417%. Further, based upon a figure of \$90,000, this would total to \$891.09 per dispatch.

Alternatively, Resolution 2015-12 of the Perry County Quorum Court adopted November 9, 2015, grants the Perry County Sheriff the ability to enter into contract negotiations with the incorporated town of Little Italy in order to provide law enforcement services with support of the Perry County Quorum Court and Perry County Judge. These negotiations assume that the Perry County Sheriff Deputies would be sworn in as members of the Little Italy Police Department, and that a per-call fee for each dispatch would be charged. In previous meetings with County Judge Baylor House and Sheriff Scott Montgomery, the Little Italy Incorporating Agents were quoted a \$25 hourly rate per dispatch, with a \$200 fee for prisoner transport to the Pulaski County jail. Assuming that each call might require two hours, the budget reflects a cost of \$50 per call multiplied by 100 dispatches annually. Thus, \$5,000 is budgeted for police service provided from Perry County. Additionally, the city proposes hiring a level three part time City Marshal at a \$15 hourly rate multiplied by 20 hours a monthly, or \$3,600 annually. Thus, collectively with a City Marshal and assistance from the Perry County Sheriff's Department, the police budget for Little Italy would range between \$8,600 and \$10,000 annually.

The question about where an offender would appear to pay a fine (determined by local ordinances) and what the court costs would be for a new town of Little Italy were brought up with the Administrative Office of the Courts. Agents for the Little Italy incorporation effort spoke with both the Director, J. D. Gingerich, and a staff attorney, Keith Caviness. If Little Italy contracted with the Pulaski County Sheriff's office, there would be no associated court costs; however, Little Italy would also not be able to benefit from revenue from traffic tickets. If Little Italy had a paid Marshal and its own police department, Little Italy would most likely enter into

a written contract with the nearest court, which would likely be the city of Maumelle. The agreement would spell out what percentage of the fine Little Italy would be allowed to keep. The court costs would go to the state. If a ticket for speeding was issued by a Little Italy Marshal, the offender could plead guilty and waive their court appearance and pay the fine to the Mayor at the City Hall in Little Italy. If the offender wished to challenge the ticket (or if arrested for a DWI for example), then the person would appear at the Maumelle court. The Administrative Office of the Courts offered its assistance to Little Italy in this regard if it becomes a town.

FIRE

Currently, residents of Little Italy are serviced by West Pulaski Volunteer Fire Department Station #4. This fire station services both Pulaski and Perry County residents in Little Italy/Wye Mountain. West Pulaski Volunteer Fire Department is a non-profit 501c(3) organization. The residents pay \$50 subscription fees to the organization which is itemized on their Pulaski County tax bills. The Town of Little Italy would incur no additional costs for this service to continue.

At a meeting June 18, 2015, the West Pulaski Fire Board and Fire Chief Ronnie Wheeler agreed to continue service to all but 13 parcels included in Little Italy*. The Board agreed to continue utilizing the subscription fees generated from improved parcels in the area (which total approximately \$10,000 annually), and asked that a portion of Little Italy's budget (approximately \$5000 annually) be utilized for equipment for Station #4.

*The 13 excluded parcels are currently serviced by Williams Junction VFD. The WJVFD Board voted unanimously at their meeting to maintain the status quo and will continue to provide these services.

WASTE COLLECTION

Currently Little Italy residents pay \$20.80 per month for trash collection which is sub-contracted by Pulaski County through Waste Management. Currently, there is not a Recycling program in place for Little Italy residents. Residents pay this trash collection charge in conjunction with their water bills which is billed by Utilities Services. Waste Management has indicated that upon incorporation they will continue to provide the same service to Little Italy residents as they are currently for the same price. Moreover, Waste Management indicated that they would be interested in negotiating a Recycling program with Little Italy residents who are interested.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

There are currently seven county maintained roads in Little Italy, totaling 5.36 miles. The remaining roadways are private roads maintained by landowners, and the major thoroughfares are state highway maintained by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department.

According to the Pulaski County Road and Bridge Dept., per one mile of roadway, an average of \$12,888.24 is spent by the county for maintenance. By using this formula, Little Italy's 5.36 miles would average \$69,081 for annual maintenance.

Below is a breakdown of each of the seven streets and the maintenance provided according to Pulaski County Road and Bridge Logs. No dollar amounts were able to be provided by the county because dollar amounts are not reflected in their database.

Roadway Name/Distance	2011 Maintenance Performed	2012 Maintenance Performed	2013 Maintenance Performed	2014 Maintenance Performed
Bringle Creek (1 mile)	1x mowing; cut-up 4 trees	1x mowing	3x mowing ¹ ; Replaced Double Barrel Crossdrain 36'X48" and covered with concrete; removed Silt Fence	2x mowing
Ghidotti Rd. (.28 mile)	1x mowing; 32 ft. Flushed truck	1x mowing ¹	2x mowing; 1 load of limbs removed; .15 mile (800 feet) of shoulder work	2x mowing
Harrell Rd. (.12 mile)				2x mowing
W. Hundley Rd. (2.2 miles)	3 signs- Sign Shop; 2x mowing ¹	1x mowing	2x mowing	2x mowing; 1 load of pine debris removed
John Zulpo Rd. (.44 mile)	1x mowing	1x mowing ¹	2x mowing	2x mowing
Sample Rd. (.83 mile)	1x mowing	1x mowing ¹	2x mowing	2x mowing
Wilson Lateral Rd. (.5 mile)	1x mowing	1x mowing	2x mowing	2x mowing

Compiled from Source: Pulaski County Road & Bridge logs from Chad Truby emailed on June 11, 2015 (Exhibit S)

¹Logs have extra entries, but no mileage listed and work code is different

In 2012 and 2014, mowing was mainly done. Little Italy Incorporation Task Force has calculated the approximate cost of mowing:

5 miles of road needs both sides mowed. This equals 10 linear miles. The going rate for bush hogging is \$45 per hour. If the mower is traveling a 1 MPH then it would be 10 hrs of labor time at \$45 per hour that equals \$450. Now if we double both time (20hrs) and labor (\$90 per hour) the we should budget \$1800 to mow the right of way one time. Most roads are only mowed 2 times a year so we'd need overall budget of \$3600.

Based on the most recent 2014 numbers provided by the Pulaski County Road and Bridge, Little Italy as a new town would be able to maintain the status quo on road maintenance using State Turnback funds alone. However, Little Italy is not to be limited to status quo as a municipality. The opportunity would exist for a new town of Little Italy to fund improvement projects by supplementing the state turnback income using a variety of other sources including:

- Traffic fines
- Grant programs such as:
 - State Aid for City Streets Program www.citystreet.ar.gov
 - USDA's Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program
- Short-term financings permitted by Amendment 78 to the Arkansas Constitution (see Exhibit B)
- Improvement District or Urban Service District for Streets Arkansas Code Ann. §§ 14-95-101 through 14-95-610* (see Exhibit B)

*An example city that used Improvement Districts to improve their city streets is Cammack Village, incorporated in 1943. After the improvement project was completed, the 2015 Street Fund Budget for Cammack looks strikingly similar to the starting budget for Little Italy's Street Fund Budget in that state turnback money is listed as the main income for street maintenance projects. (See Exhibit A). Cammack Village maintains 10 streets, has a population of 768, and has a similar economy to Little Italy at present time.

STATE HIGHWAYS

Little Italy contains two state highways which make-up the proposed area's major thoroughfares. AR 300 and AR 113 would remain under the care of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department according to David Mayo and Mark Headley of the AHTD. Thus, Little Italy would incur no cost for these roadways to be maintained.

TOWN START-UP

An election will be held 30 days after the incorporation is official. In addition, a special census called the US Census Geographically Updated Population Certification Program (GUPCP) will need to be held in order for the new town to receive its share of the countywide sales tax turnback money and any other state turnback based on population (see Exhibits W, Y, and Z). The costs associated with an election and GUPCP will be made possible by generous donations from founding families ("Seed money") and town fundraisers similar to Southside (see Exhibit AE), which became Arkansas's 501st town in 2015.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WORKERS' COMPENSATION TRUST PROGRAM

As members of the Municipal League, a new town of Little Italy would be eligible to purchase worker's compensation for employees through this program offering. The amount of workers' compensation for a volunteer town council would be approximately \$3.00 per year. For paid employees, such as a police officer, the rate is .0186 multiplied by the annual salary. If Little Italy had a paid City Marshal making \$3,600 annually, the amount is approximately \$67 per year (see Exhibit AF).

CENTRAL ARKANSAS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION – CARMA

A new town of Little Italy could opt to self-insure through a risk management company called CARMA. The annual amount per year for property, autos, and general liability coverage would calculate to be approximately \$2,000 per year (see Exhibit AG). The town's tort immunity (see Exhibit AH) would be forfeited only up to the amount insured.

Alternatively, once members of the Municipal League, Little Italy could purchase property and vehicle insurance through the Municipal League's Municipal Vehicle/Municipal Property Program (see Exhibit AI).