

Aptos 'City Limits' Defined By Aptos CofC

After many years of controversy, it's finally been decided where Aptos is.

The Aptos Chamber of Commerce decided this morning that Aptos is the entire mid-county area that holds the 95003 zip code, Chamber President Virgil Kester Jr. reported.

This "official" decision ends years of controversy over what area the unincorporated town of Aptos actually covers.

"For many years, Aptos citizens have argued back and forth about where is Aptos," said Kester. "The Board of Directors and a large turn-out of the Chamber membership

voted to adopt the Aptos area as being the post office zone of 95003."

The 95003 zone starts at Park Avenue to the west and con-

tinues down to San Andreas Road and Freedom Boulevard to the east. It goes down to the ocean to the south and ends at the mountains in the north.

It takes in all addresses 5,000 and above, along Freedom Boulevard, according to the Aptos Post Office.

Kester explained that the Chamber decision came after the county requested help in putting together its next

census. The county wanted some aid in determining the boundaries of Aptos.

In the past, the county has only considered Aptos to officially be the village area and a small area on either side of the village, Kester said.

This caused problems, particularly when the county decides to do a study in the area, Kester continued. A lot of money is spent on these studies and they just don't take in enough of the area, he contended.

For instance, the study of the Aptos Village and related traffic problems only took in the village area and didn't address the areas in Aptos where the traffic originates, Kester pointed out.

Kester said another purpose of deciding where Aptos exists is "to identify the community so everybody can get involved in things and to guard against

anyone coming in and trying to divide and conquer the area."

The Chamber president said

the decision on the boundaries of Aptos is not leading into a decision to incorporate. The

Chamber, he admitted, has discussed incorporation, but has taken no official stand on it.

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