

SPECIAL CENSUS INFORMATION

4-8-86

On April 8, 1986 I visited with representatives from the Bureau of the Census regarding what might be available for Jonesboro in requesting a special census in the future.

They advised me that this special census could be handled in two different ways.

First, they could take a look at our 1980 census figures and split the enumeration districts according to the annexations that had been made to the city since then. They would determine the count by estimating various figures such as births, deaths, IRS forms, and using the 1980 figures. This cost was estimated between \$600 to \$2,000 and could be done relatively soon. The State would certify their estimate.

They advised a special census would have to cover the whole city, not just the annexed areas since 1980. They said the state would not accept a head count on the annexed areas only.

The cost of a special census would be approximately 25 times greater or approximately \$50,000 or \$60,000, based on \$2.00 per head cost.

It would also take approximately six months to complete.

They said also they had estimated our 1984 projection lower than our 1980 census figure.

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In talking with City Water and Light Plant on 4-8-86 they advised the following difference in counts on water meters in 1980 and 1986, reflecting an increase.

1980	11,475 (Dec.)	11,458 (Yearly average)
1986	12,612 (Feb.)	
Increase of 1137		