

New LCRA Blight Definition
(same blight definition now applies to all tax incentive tools)

The Missouri General Assembly approved SB 153 on May 14, 2021, which, among other things, amended the definition of “**Blighted area**” in Section 99.320(3), RSMo, of the LCRA statute to have the same meaning as defined in Section 99.805, RSMo.

99.805. As used in sections 99.800 to 99.865, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Blighted area", an area which, by reason of the predominance of ~~defective or inadequate street layout~~, insanitary or unsafe conditions, deterioration of site improvements, ~~improper subdivision or obsolete platting~~, or the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes, or any combination of such factors, retards the provision of housing accommodations or constitutes an economic or social liability or a menace to the public health, safety, ~~morals~~, or welfare in its present condition and use;