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DOCKET ITEM:	BOARD MEETING:	EXEMPTION NUMBER:
C-05	October 30, 2018	E-047-18
EXEMPTION APPLICANT(S): OSF Healthcare System d/b/a OSF Saint Anthony Health Center		
FACILITY NAME and LOCATION: OSF Saint Anthony Health Center, Alton, Illinois		

STATE BOARD STAFF REPORT
DISCONTINUATION OF A CATEGORY OF SERVICE

I. The Exemption Application

The Applicant requests approval of an application to discontinue the 20-bed obstetric category of service at OSF Saint Anthony Health Center, #1 Saint Anthony Way, Alton, Illinois (#E-047-18). The Applicant is OSF Healthcare System d/b/a Saint Anthony Health Center. The licensee is OSF Healthcare System d/b/a Saint Anthony Health Center and the owner of the site is OSF Healthcare System. The exemption is before the State Board because the transaction is a discontinuation of a category of service. The anticipated completion date is December 31, 2018. However, OB Services at Saint Anthony's Health Center will not be available beyond September 7, 2018.

II. Background

OSF Healthcare System d/b/a Saint Anthony Health Center is a 198-bed acute care hospital located in Alton, Illinois. The Applicant states the reason for the proposed discontinuation is that the utilization of obstetric services has been in decline over the past several years to the point that it no longer appears the services are necessary for a separate Obstetric Unit. Low utilization has made it increasingly difficult to retain and recruit Obstetric staff. The Obstetric unit has had low and declining average daily census (ADC) and occupancy for the last several years. The last five years, the Obstetric Unit has had an ADC and occupancy % as follows:

2013	ADC	2.6	Occ%	12.90%
2014	ADC	2.5	Occ%	12.30%
2015	ADC	2.3	Occ%	11.60%
2016	ADC	1.9	Occ%	9.70%
2017	ADC	1.6	Occ%	7.90%

There are 156 Obstetric beds in Hospital Planning Area F-01, which is estimated 126 excess beds. The discontinuation will help reduce the excess beds, which is consistent with the goals of the State Board. Staff notes that Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton has a 28-bed obstetric unit that can accommodate the workload of Saint Anthony Health Center.

III. Applicable Rules

The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act (20 ILCS 3960/6) states the State Board shall establish by regulation the procedures and requirements regarding issuance of exemptions. An exemption shall be approved when information required by the Board by rule is submitted. Projects eligible for an exemption, rather than a permit, include, but are not limited to, change of ownership of a health care facility, discontinuation of a category of

service, and discontinuation of a health care facility, other than a health care facility maintained by the State or any agency or department thereof or a nursing home maintained by a county.

The State Board's rule (77 IAC 1130.500 & 77 ILAC 1130.525) specifies the requirements necessary for a discontinuation of a category of service exemption application to be filed with the State Board. The State Board may, by rule, delegate authority to the Chairman to grant permits or exemptions when applications meet all of the State Board's review criteria and are unopposed [20 ILCS 3960/5].

The State Board Staff Notes: No support or opposition letters were submitted and there was no request for a public hearing. All of the requirements of the State Board have been met.

STATE BOARD STAFF FINDS THE EXEMPTION FOR DISCONTINUATION OF A CATEGORY OF SERVICE IN CONFORMANCE WITH CRITERIA (77 ILAC 1130.500 & 77 ILAC 1130.525)

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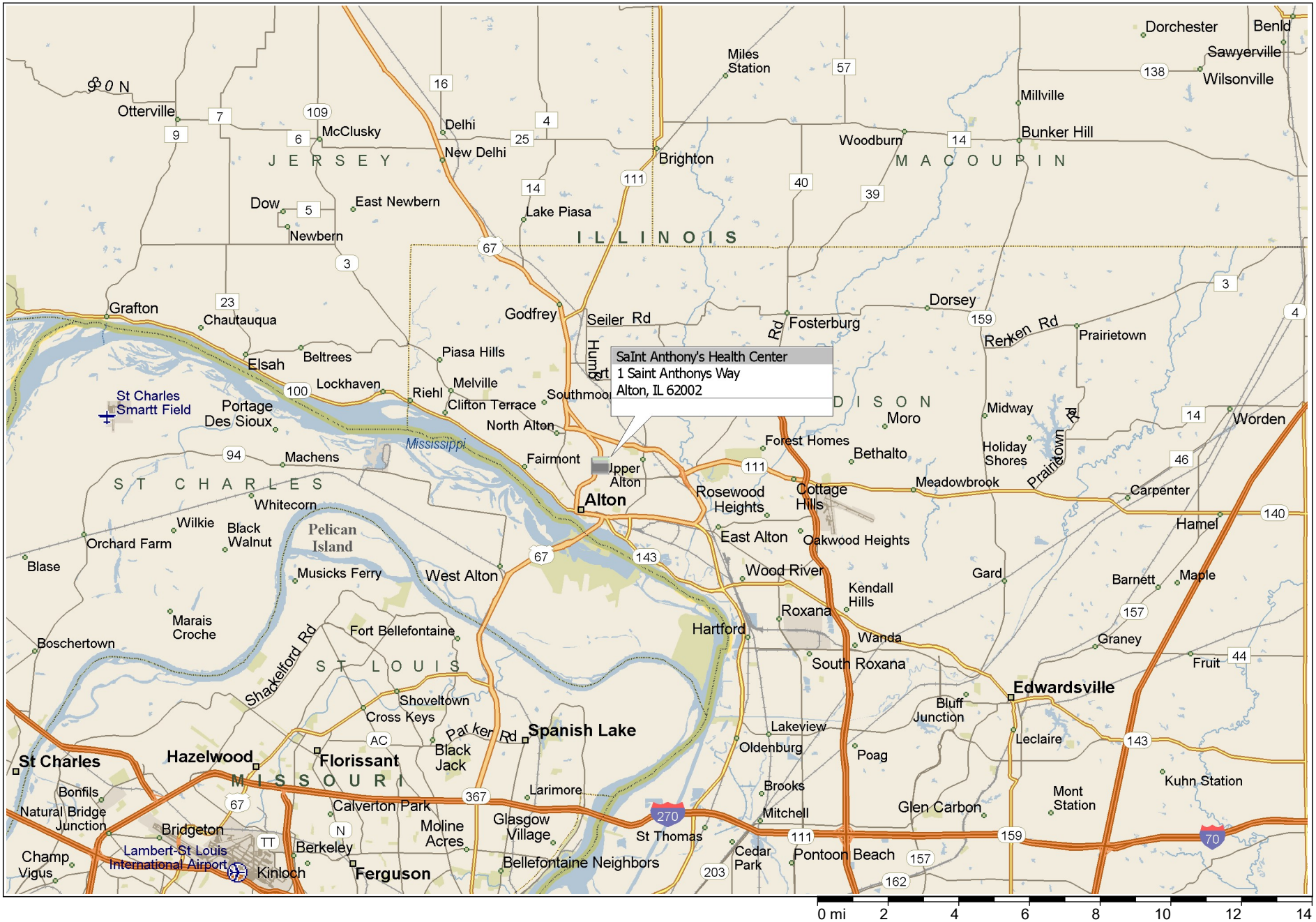

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