## **GOODWIN MOORE, PLLC**

Attorneys at Law
200 South Pruett Street
Old NBC Building
P.O. Box 726
Paragould, Arkansas 72451-0726
Telephone: 870-239-2225
Fax: 870-239-2780

Ray A. Goodwin
1938 - 2011

Harry Truman Moore
Email: htm@goodwinmoore.com
Licensed Mediator for
Arkansas Circuit Courts

January 7, 2018

via e-mail to Jonesboro City Clerk's Office

Mayor Harold Perrin City of Jonesboro 300 South Church Street Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

Re: The Event Center at Harmony Gardens

Dear Mayor Perrin:

As you know, the ordinance which would allow this not-for-profit corporation to make application for a private club permit located within the City of Jonesboro will come before the Jonesboro City Council for a third reading on January 15.

Since this proposed private club will have a totally different type of operation from those which generally come before you, my client, Mrs. Kathryn Smith, and I believe it would be helpful for us to provide additional information to you and the council members.

Most of the clubs that have come before you have been restaurants, with a bar to provide alcoholic beverages to dining patrons.

The Event Center at Harmony Gardens will not have a "bar" as such. Beverage service will be provided within the event center depending on the size of the group renting the facility. Likewise, it will not have a "menu" for dining purposes, but will contract with its members and area caterers to provide food service for each event. The food service could range from hors d'oeuvre to a formal sit-down dinner, depending the type of event.

A member of the private club will not be able to just walk in to the facility, walk up to a bar, and order a drink.

In addition to offering facilities for weddings, anniversaries, and other family celebrations, the Event Center at Harmony Gardens has an established record of assisting other non-profits who wish to lease the premises by offering discounted rentals to those groups.

Among the groups who have held events at the Gardens during the past three years include the following: Alzheimer's Association; Automation Outfitters; Booker T Washington Reunion of Classes; Compass Church/SW Church of Christ; Electro Design Engineers; Families in Crisis; Harding University; JHS Cross Country Team; Jones and Company; JP&O Laboratory; Marked Tree High School Prom; My Generation Foundation; NEA Baptist; NEA Federal Credit Union; Pentecostals of Jonesboro; Rector High School; Run for the Roses; University of Arkansas; ASU Alpha Gamma Delta International; and Best Buddies of Arkansas.

If you, or any of the council members, have issues which you would like for us to address at the meeting on January 15, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Harry Truman Moore

HTM:djw

cc: Mrs. Kathryn Smith