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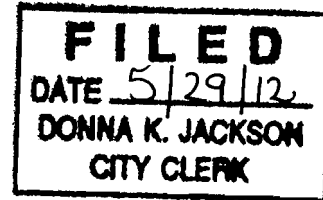
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Ms. Donna Jackson, City Clerk
515 W. Washington Ave.
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Re: Grayson Investments Rezoning
Denial; Appeal to City Council

Dear Ms. Jackson:

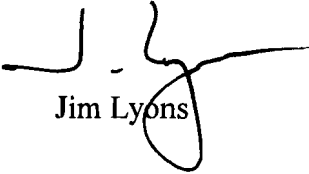
Please let this serve as notice of appeal to the Jonesboro City Council in respect to the MAPC's decision on May 8, 2012 to deny rezoning of the Grayson Investments property located at 3701 E. Johnson Avenue. Pursuant to Jonesboro City Code 2-89, "appeals to the city council of decisions of commissions and boards shall be in writing signed by the party appealing, dated and filed with the clerk within 30 days following the decision of the board and/or commission." As such, we ask that you consider this our timely filing of notice of appeal of the MAPC's decision.

We are appealing this decision for several reasons. First, the MAPC promoted commercialization of the area surrounding the Grayson Investments property by approving the rezoning of the location where the new fairgrounds campus is being constructed. In fact, the rezoning of the new fairgrounds campus was sponsored by a current MAPC voting member, Mr. Jerry Reece, who abstained from voting on the Grayson Investments matter during the May 8, 2012 MAPC meeting. It is important to note that Mr. Reece was familiar enough with the property to be aware of a sewer easement potentially running across the Grayson Investments property.

Second, but more importantly, the approval of the development of the new NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital campus has prompted numerous property owners with frontage to Johnson Avenue to place their properties up for sale as commercial property in hopes of attracting buyers interested in using their land for similar commercial development. The area is in need of properties with many different commercial uses, including ones we have attached to our appeal. We feel that this information warrants an appeal to the City Council for further consideration regarding the additional uses being requested for the Grayson Investments property.

We have attached a copy of the record, as well as a prepared ordinance, and proper fee for lodging this appeal. We are requesting our appeal be heard during the June 19, 2012 City Council meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions, or if there is anything else we can provide to make the appeal complete. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jim Lyons

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Enclosures

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