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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jonesboro City Council
c/o the City Clerk
300 S. Church St.
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Re: *RZ-17-27 (Amended Letter of Appeal)*

To the Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

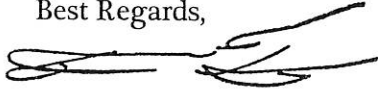
Please allow this to serve as Ms. Barbara Tosh's amended request for an appeal of the MAPC decision rendered on September 26, 2017 on this rezoning application. I am enclosing a copy of the application and staff report for your reference.

At the MAPC meeting September 26, 2017, three members of the MAPC were absent. This matter was brought to a vote as modified, which was defeated with three (3) votes in favor and two (2) votes against. It does not appear that the chairperson voted. This is allowed under *Jonesboro City Code* Sec. 2-95. However, said provision does not define the requirement of a majority of members *present* or *overall*.

The application was submitted as RM-16, later amended by the applicant to RM-8. The property, approximately 7.66 acres, buffered by mixed residential zones, including an R-3 zone to the east. The applicant worked with the MAPC to mitigate any negative effects, notably by amending down to the 8-units-per-acre requested by the city, and continues to be willing to do so. Moreover, doing so brought the proposal into agreement with *Jonesboro City Code* Sec. 117-34(e), in that the request is consistent with the comprehensive plan, is consistent with the purpose of this chapter, is compatible with the zoning, uses and character of the surrounding area, will not detrimentally affect the nearby property, and will have no serious impact on the community facilities. The MAPC suggested the change listed above, but did not have the benefit of an updated analysis by code enforcement. Ms. Tosh believes that with the benefit of said analysis, the likelihood of the rezoning being granted would have increased.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter. As always, please feel free to contact my office at any time with any questions you may have.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Scott Troutt". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

R. Scott Troutt
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Enclosure: Stated