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Honorable Harry Park:

Re: Request to Vacate and
Abandon Alley

Dear Councilman Park:

On the agenda for Monday night's Council Meeting is a request filed by me on behalf of Citizens Bank of Jonesboro and Craighead Investment Company Inc., to close a portion of the North/South alley between Washington Street and the abandoned East/West alley between Main and Church Streets. This portion of the alley is between the McAdams Trust Building and the parking lot immediately behind the Forum.

I am enclosing a copy of a plat showing that portion of the alley which we desire to close, as well as a copy of a letter from Joe Heinerman on behalf of the Jonesboro Downtown Improvement District and a copy of a Consent to Vacate and Abandon the Alley signed by other property owners and the public utilities that have easements over or under this portion of the alley.

We are requesting to close this portion of the alley for a number of reasons, including the following:

1. To eliminate hazards from vehicles to pedestrians seeking to cross the alley to enter McAdams Trust Building from the parking lot.
2. To simplify the ability of customers seeking to utilize the services provided in McAdams Trust Building.
3. To enhance the beautification of Downtown Jonesboro.
4. To eliminate an alley that is not needed for highway purposes.

In addition, closing this portion of the alley will cause little or no inconvenience to any one who might want to use the alley because their traffic can be readily carried by the other streets and that portion of the alley that is not closed.

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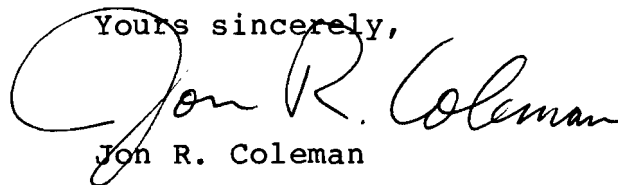
I am sending this material to you in advance so you might have an opportunity to examine the proposal. In the event that I do not get to talk to you personally before the Monday night Council Meeting, if you have any questions relating to this issue, please feel free to contact me.

I have discussed the procedure for closing the alley with the City Attorney and we are requesting that the procedure we follow be somewhat different from what has been done at times in the past. However, the procedure we are requesting is authorized in the Arkansas Code Annotated.

In my opinion, the public welfare and safety of the citizens will be served by this procedure so that the construction surrounding McAdams Trust Building can be completed as rapidly as possible. This will eliminate the temporary partial closing of Washington Street as well as allow the parking facility to be utilized by Forum patrons much sooner.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and reiterate, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Jon R. Coleman

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Enclosures