

To: Otis T. Spriggs, AICP, Planning and Zoning Director
Metropolitan Area Planning Commission Members

From: Chief M. Yates, Jonesboro Police Department

Date: June 3, 2009

Re: Annexation/Rezoning Case Request for Review

As stated in the memorandum from Mr. Spriggs dated June 2, 2009, “The annexation/rezoning, if approved will have a potential for 39.88 acres of multi-family dwellings, which could yield a potential of 478 units under the gross density calculation.” If we estimate an average of 2.5 people living in each dwelling, which is a conservative estimate, we calculate 1195 people would reside in the dwellings. It is logical to assume that the 1195 people will utilize privately owned automobiles for the majority of their transportation needs.

The increase in population of people and automobiles will create traffic congestion and the resulting problems created by such congestion, vehicle accidents, speeding complaints and other traffic related hazards will require the police department to devote more personnel and time to the area in order to address these additional problems.

The police department will also be required to provide other services to the annexed area. Crimes will occur, disturbances will happen and police assistance will be needed. Police patrol patterns and “beat maps” may have to be restructured to accommodate the additional police services that will be required. More Police Officers will need to be employed in order to ensure the residents of the proposed dwellings receive effective police coverage and services. At our present staffing level, it will be difficult for the Jonesboro Police Department to provide the professional police coverage and services that all Jonesboro citizens expect and demand.