



## Super Country 108

### KFIN EDITORIAL

Two months ago, KFIN received a phone call from Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind to purchase tickets to send underprivileged children to a circus which they claimed we had done in 1986. Since KFIN has never purchased any such tickets, we questioned the call and began an investigation that found the calls were actually coming from a boiler room telephone operation located in temporary offices on Church. The caller was actually a professional fund raiser called Rainbow Raisers in association with MacMahan Associates out of Mississippi. At our request, Tom Hicks of the Attorney General's office, investigated and found MacMahan Associates only guaranteed Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind a small amount of money in return for use of their name. In another city, MacMahan had conducted a small circus in a school cafeteria seating 200 people but sold 6,000 tickets for underprivileged children to attend.

This information was given to Scott Hunter, Jonesboro's Prosecuting Attorney, who verified the report and filed a civil suit against Rainbow Raisers but not before they left Jonesboro with considerable profits from their scam operation. Right now, there are three different telephone ticket sale operations working Jonesboro. Before you purchase tickets from a phone call, we suggest you verify where the money will actually go.

Citizens in the Jonesboro area are generous which probably accounts for the excellent life style we enjoy. We at KFIN urge you to continue support of people less fortunate but recommend you increase your contribution to United Way, ASU, Boy Scouts, Little League, or one of the local social organizations where you can be sure your contribution will be used for the purpose intended. We applaud the efforts of the Attorney General's Office and Scott Hunter and urge the Jonesboro City Council to adopt an ordinance requiring all charitable fund drives to register with City Hall 30 days before fund raising efforts begin and reveal where the money raised will go. This will allow local media to inform you in advance of how your contributions will be used.

Larry A. Duke  
President



Mayor Hubert Brodell  
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Dear Mayor Brodell:

Buddy Meador has instructed me to request the City Council modify Jonesboro Code Section 8-28 to reflect the procedures set up by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. In order for the Board to comply with the Freedom of Information Act, we must notify the public of any hearing that is to take place. Section 8-28 of the Jonesboro Code requires a decision be reached within five days of the appeal being requested. The notice time in the Jonesboro Sun plus the time of reaching a mutually accessible hearing date from the seven members of the Board caused the five day hearing time to be too limited.

The procedures that were written and approved by the Board stated that a hearing would be conducted within ten days of the receipt of the appeal. We're requesting that the City Council amend Section 8-28 to allow ten days for the hearing to take place.

The requirement that the appeal be made in writing within five working days after the person has been notified of the decision of the City Inspector is adequate and should be left as is. It is, however, in conflict with the standard building codes which allow ninety days for an appeal to be made. We would prefer to operate by the Jonesboro Code which requires the appeal be made within five days of the Inspectors decision.

If you have any further questions, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry".

Larry A. Duke  
President

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cc: Buddy Meador  
Ouida Puryear, City Clerk ✓