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July 30, 2013

Ms. Donna Jackson, City Clerk
Municipal Center
300 South Church Street
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

Re: MAPC Decision Appeal – Chris Burnett
Proposed Rezoning – North Church @ Thomas Green Road
MAPC RZ-13-11
Jonesboro, Arkansas

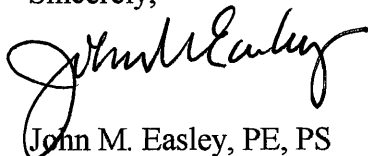
Dear Ms. Jackson;

On behalf of Mr. Chris Burnett, I would like to request that an appeal hearing be set by the Jonesboro City Council for consideration of the MAPC decision regarding the proposed rezoning request by Mr. Burnett. The rezoning request was denied by the MAPC during the July 9, 2013 meeting. The request was for a zoning of General Commercial District (C-3) for Lots 3, 4 and 5 less the east 10.00 feet of Lot 3 of the Wise Subdivision. The zoning was recommended by the Planning Department to allow Mr. Burnett to park a semi-truck at his home. Mr. Burnett is an over the road truck driver. Current city codes do not allow any vehicle over three-quarter ton to be parked in the Residential District (R-1).

During the MAPC meeting, Mr. Burnett agreed to several uses that would be prohibited under the zoning including adult entertainment, off-site advertisement and convenience stores. There were several neighbors that spoke against the rezoning, mainly regarding the appearance of Mr. Burnett's lot (grass not being mowed when needed, old vehicles on the lot, etc.). Mr. Burnett feels that the neighbor complaints were not a zoning issue, but rather a code enforcement issue. Mr. Burnett understands the neighbor's complaints and is working to improve his property by mowing the grass and removing the old vehicles and other items.

Mr. Burnett would like to someday develop the lots along Thomas Green Road into small or quiet commercial development. He would like to address the zoning and the neighbor's complaints before the City Council.

Sincerely,



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