



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF

JONESBORO

JONESBORO, ARKANSAS 72401

Mrs. Puryear
TO: JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS
FROM: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JONESBORO
RE: RECODIFICATION OF JONESBORO CITY ORDINANCES
DATE: AUGUST 12, 1986

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JONESBORO VOTED AT ITS 1984 ANNUAL MEETING TO STUDY THE JONESBORO CITY ORDINANCES AS PART OF ITS LOCAL CITY STUDY. THE COMMITTEE'S PRELIMINARY WORK REVEALED THAT THE ORDINANCES HAD NOT BEEN CODIFIED SINCE 1979 AND THAT OBSOLETE OR CONTRADICTORY LAWS WERE STILL ON THE BOOKS. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RECODIFICATION AND THE REPEAL OF OBSOLETE ORDINANCES.

AS WE CONTINUED TO GIVE THIS ITEM ATTENTION DURING 1985, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE PROVIDES A RECODIFICATION SERVICE. THE COST OF THE RECODIFICATION IS A FLAT FEE OF \$4,000 FOR 20 COPIES OF THE ORDINANCE DIGEST. AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$50 PER COPY IS ALSO OFFERED. ONE COMPANY IN FLORIDA WILL PRINT THE RECODIFIED DIGESTS FOR A \$10,000 FEE.

THE LEAGUE DISCUSSED THE ABOVE PROPOSAL WITH MAYOR STALLINGS AND CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR, HERB DAVIS. THE LEAGUE OFFERED TO CONTACT LOCAL LAW FIRMS AND OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A PRIVATE COPY OF THE JONESBORO ORDINANCES. MR. STALLINGS AND MR. DAVIS GAVE THE LEAGUE THEIR AUTHORITY AND COOPERATION TO CONTINUE THIS PROJECT.

ONE YEAR AGO, LETTERS WERE MAILED TO PERSONS WE BELIEVED WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE ORDINANCES FOR \$100 PER COPY. A COPY OF THIS LETTER IS ENCLOSED. THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER WAS TO HELP RAISE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO PRINT THE DIGEST.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE HAVE 25 ORDERS FROM CITIZENS OF JONESBORO (22 OF THEM INCLUDED CHECKS TOTALING \$2200, THREE DID NOT INCLUDE CHECKS.) MAYOR STALLINGS HAS STATED THE NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 25 DIGESTS FOR THE USE OF CITY OFFICIALS. THE FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

COST OF 50 DIGESTS:

FIRST 20 DIGESTS	\$ 4,000.	
30 MORE DIGESTS	1,500.	
TOTAL COST	\$ 5,500.	
INCOME FROM ORDERED DIGESTS		\$ 2,500
ADDITIONAL INCOME NECESSARY		3,000
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 5,500.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JONESBORO PETITIONS THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ADDITIONAL \$3,000. NECESSARY FOR THE RECODIFICATION OF THE JONESBORO CITY ORDINANCES.

WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MIGHT NEED CONCERNING THIS PROJECT. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO DAILY USE THE DIGEST OF JONESBORO ORDINANCES FIND IT DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH THE ORDINANCES IN THEIR PRESENT STATE.

ALSO ENCLOSED WITH THIS LETTER IS A LIST OF THE JONESBORO ORDINANCES WHICH THE LEAGUE HAS STUDIED AND BELIEVE TO BE OUT-DATED OR CONTRADICTORY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE COUNCIL'S ACTION TO REMOVE THESE UNNECESSARY ORDINANCES.

SINCERELY,



RUBY CHITTENDEN, PRESIDENT
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JONESBORO

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SUBJECT: JONESBORO CITY ORDINANCES RECOMMENDED FOR DELETION

1. ADMINISTRATION - PAGE 11, SEC. 2-17 SAME-OFFICE HOURS
2. MOTOR VEHICLES, BICYCLES AND TRAFFIC, PAGE 163
 - A. SEC. 15-22 UNAUTHORIZED STICKERS, ETC. ON WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS
 - B. SEC. 15-54 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS - ARTICLE III
 - C. ARTICLE VI. PARKING METER ZONES AND OFF STREET PARKING
 - D. ARTICLE VII. BICYCLES.
 - a. SEC. 15-136. LICENSE - REQUIRED, FEE
 - b. SEC. 15-137
 - c. SEC. 15-138
 - d. SEC. 15-139
 - e. SEC. 15-140
3. CHAPTER 16 - OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
 - A. SEC. 16-5. CONTESTS, MARATHONS, ETC.
 - B. SEC. 16-16. LOITERING IN RAILROAD STATIONS.
 - C. SEC. 16-19. PISTOLS, KNIVES, ETC. - SALE PROHIBITED.
 - D. SEC. 16-20. SAME - TOY PISTOLS, ETC. BLANK CARTRIDGES.
 - E. SEC. 16-23. ROLLER SKATING.
 - F. SEC. 16-31. TRAINS - OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC.
4. CHAPTER 20 - STREETS AND SIDEWALKS
 - A. SEC. 20-7. VEHICLES ON SIDEWALKS.



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August 1, 1985

SUBJECT: Jonesboro City Ordinance Digest

It has come to the attention of our League that there exists a problem in locating current ordinances of the City of Jonesboro. It seems that the last re-codification of these ordinances was in 1979, and since that time, over 300 ordinances have been passed that have not been included in a formal cross-referenced, correlated digest.

Members of the Craighead County Bar Association, architects, and a variety of contractors who have need of handy reference to specific ordinance information have assured us that an up-dated digest would be a welcome and valuable asset to them.

The League therefore discussed with city officials the possibility of re-codification. We found that the city has no funds available for this project, regardless of its worth. The city would, however, welcome the assistance of the League in raising the necessary funds to underwrite the preparation and publication of a new digest of ordinances. Previously, the city had this work done by a firm in Florida at a cost of some \$10,000. Our organization has found that the same job can be done by the Arkansas Municipal League for a basic fee of \$4,000. This seems to be an attainable goal if potential users in the professions are willing to order a copy for their reference libraries at \$100. per copy. This is, of course, a normal business expense.

The Jonesboro League of Women Voters is therefore soliciting your support for this project and will act as agent for the city in collecting your pre-paid orders and checks for \$100. for each digest your firm would require. The necessity for pre-payment is to enable city officials to negotiate the required contract with the Arkansas Municipal League. Funds collected will be held in escrow by our organization; and if, by September 30, sufficient orders have not been received to fund publication, all monies collected will be refunded.

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Since we have been assured by your professional organizations and by city officials that a dire need exists for this service, we are willing to over-see the proposal. Subscribers will be notified of approximate delivery dates.

The Jonesboro League of Women Voters is anxious to assist our local governmental bodies in any way possible to better serve the public, and we hope you, too, feel a dedication to improved operations.

You will find enclosed an order blank and envelope for your convenience. If your firm has no need for the above mentioned digest, we would still like to hear from you regarding this project.

Sincerely

Ruby Chittenden
President

Enclosures