

**From:** Harold Perrin  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 7:33 PM  
**To:** Julia Lansford  
**Cc:** Aldermen; LM Duncan  
**Subject:** Re: Rezoning on Patrick

On Feb 2, 2015, at 1:18 PM, Julia Lansford wrote:

Dear Mayor Harold Perrin,

Please accept my apology for "bothering" you with this. However I felt I needed to speak to the problems I feel will exist in just a matter of a few years with the rezoning of Patrick Street to allow the low-income housing that is to be voted on Tuesday evening. I am for all people having decent living quarters and also homes for the elderly, but I do not feel Patrick St. is the place for adding more apartments. Aside from the condition and situation of the street itself, the street joins with one of the most heavy laden areas of apartment dwellings. We lived on Scott St. for 30 years until we were totally engulfed with all kinds of apartments---low-income, two story, duplex and many dwellings so closely built to one another that I'm surprised the fire department okayed the building. Cap Eldridge built that area of homes on Scott St. and many were faculty. We liked the area due to being so close to ASU and made my drive to school very easy. However, as each new apartment complex was built, it was no time until another and another. Thus, now that I see all kinds of articles saying that area from Johnson to Belt is the most crime-ridden part of Jonesboro, I am concerned what is going to happen from Belt to perhaps even Thomas Green Rd. We live in the Bennett Addition. We like the spacious lots for the houses, the quiet atmosphere and all the empty land areas. Already one large apartment complex exists on Patrick and I truly feel with another one added it is only a matter of time that Patrick will be a big part of the "most crime-ridden" area of Jonesboro. Why is money spent on the study as to what to do with the northern area and then add to the area on Patrick that connects to the studied area? Is it not okay to have some empty spaces in the north part of Jonesboro as in areas across the bypass?

The sad part of the situation is that many people who own these types of housing complexes will have them built and then never to be seen again and they certainly wouldn't want to live anywhere in the area. Money plays such a big part in these situations. All I ask is that you and the City Council look at the entire picture-----the need, the street and the adjoining areas. I would be most happy that you share my email with the City Council members.

Thanks for all you do for the city of Jonesboro and to all council members for serving the city.

Sincerely,

Julia Lansford