City Council City of Jonesboro 515 West Washington Jonesboro, AR 72401

Re: Letter of request for Emergency Clause by Council

Dear Aldermen:

I have petitioned to rezone my property located at 2300 Stadium Blvd. As you can see from the Planning Department's Staff report, I have completed my entire redevelopment and it has promoted a very positive & professional image for the surrounding neighborhood.

Because my former petition for rezoning was approved as CR-1 Professional Office, it has not proven to be the ideal classification for this area. Over the last one to two years I have marketed my vacant tenant space unsuccessfully due to the limitations of the current zoning; therefore this minor change in district is necessary.

To date, I have a signed long term lease agreement with a tenant who desires to occupy my vacant tenant space effective May 15, 2010. I ask for your consideration and respectfully request that you approve and adopt this ordinance at your earliest available meeting date, so that I may avoid losing an excellent tenant.

There has been no opposition from the surrounding community, and I have worked closely with my neighbors to make sure the property is professional, aesthetically pleasing, and well maintained. This area has also recently developed commercially, and several new & existing small retail businesses are located in close proximity to my property (donut shop, computer retail, etc).

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me anytime at (870) 897-0095.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ben Ford

2300 Stadium Blvd Jonesboro, AR 72401