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Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Sidewalks - Sec. 117-330 - AGAINST EXEMPTION

Council,

Not sure if part of council business tomorrow includes the sidewalk issue but I'd like to add my 2 cents worth when sidewalks are discussed. I am absolutely against the exemption (luxury) of any business (i.e. builder, developer, etc.) manipulating approval of construction that initially includes sidewalks and then opts out (when no one is paying attention) by paying a bogus and nominal fee. This is unacceptable and should not be tolerated! They should NEVER receive final plat approval for residential subdivisions or the issuance of the building permit for industrial or commercial projects unless and until. Moreover, builders that are in the business of cutting corners should have their license/permit revoked.

A city cannot compete with other cities nor protect its citizens when it lacks sidewalks AND, that only follows the minimum building standards necessary. There should be a hefty fine for this that discourages builders from pulling a bait and switch AND more notice should be provided to all citizens.

This is probably why our infrastructure is crumbling and our city is in shambles in our main thoroughfare (i.e. Red Wolfe) esp. Do better on behalf of your citizens and families. Thank you for your consideration.

AGAINST EXEMPTION!

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