## **MEMO**

To:

Madison County Board of Supervisors

From:

**Brad Sellers** 

Subject:

Mitchell Tyner

Date:

June 11, 2013

Mr. Tyner owns a duplex at 114 Twin Circle, Twin Lakes Subdivision. This stucture is a non-conforming use in the Planned Unit Development District. The Madison County Zoning Ordinance, in Section 2405, Paragraph D, states "When a nonconforming use of a structure, or structure and land in combination, is discontinued or abandoned for six consecutive months, the structure, or structure and land in combination, shall not thereafter be used except in conformity with the regulations of the district in which it is located.

Mr. Tyner is requesting approval to resume use of this property as a duplex.



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Madison County Board of Supervisors P.O. Box 608 Canton, MS 39046

RE:

114 Twin Circle Canton, MS 39046 Zoning Variance

## Dear Board:

In January of 2008 my wife and I purchased a duplex in Twin Lakes subdivision. It had been totally remodeled with new septic system, kitchen cabinets, bathrooms, central a/c and appliances. It is an investment property and contains 2 one bedroom units and sits on an acre of property. The structure was originally built as a duplex approximately 40 years ago and has remained a duplex to this day.

We also own the adjoining 1.6 acres where we have a convenience store.

Normally we have the power turned back on when tenants vacate the premises, but we had a tenant that left with major health issues and later passed away. His family had requested time to remove his belongings. We did not push them to get everything out right away.

Unfortunately, after the tenants departure, the power was turned off. We recently cleaned out all of the left over belongings and rented the apartment again. When the tenant called Entergy to have the power turned on, we were informed that we needed a permit since the power had been off for more than 6 months. (it had been off 183 days)

We approached Zoning and learned that well after the structure was built, Madison County adopted a regulation that no longer allowed multi family structures. The head of the zoning department, Mr. Brad Sellers and his assistant Mrs. Bobbie Richardson were very helpful and tried to assist us, but ultimately communicated that we would need a variance granted by the Board in order to be allowed to get the power returned to the duplex.

While the electricity was turned off, the water service was never interrupted. We never intended for the duplex to be vacant as long as it was, but did not want to be unkind to the Parker family who were grieving the untimely death of their family member. While there was a 6 month vacancy, the water

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remained connected and there was never any intent for the duplex to cease being an investment rental property.

The duplex is actually one of the more modern housing units in the neighborhood, since its remodeling in 2007.

We request that the Madison County Board of Supervisors authorize a variance to the multifamily moratorium and allow the duplex at 114 Twin Circle, Canton, MS to continue to be used as a duplex as grandfathered prior to electricity being terminated for 6 months.

We would also request that Mr. Brad Sellers be authorized to write a letter to Entergy advising them of the variance and allowing the power to be restored to the duplex immediately, without any further requirements or delay.

I'll be at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday June 17, 2013 to answer any questions or concerns you may have and you can also call me before that time if you have any questions. You can reach me directly at 601-957-1113 ext. 102.

Thank you for your assistance. .

I am,

Sincerely,

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