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From: Jones Drug <jonesdrug2011@yahoo.com> Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2022 10:43 AM To: jsanders@jacksonmo.org Subject: Jones Drug Store safety

Dear Janet and Commission,

I am writing to you on behalf of Jones Drug Store and our customers to implore the commission to help us improve the safety of the parking along the west side of Court Street. We have been allowed to present before the Jackson Alderman in the past but were denied any safety improvements by the city other than angled parking blocks in front of the curbs. I believe we have given these parking blocks sufficient time to see if they work, but I can tell you they don't. We have on video cars still being able to drive up on the sidewalk and put Jackson citizens in harms way. One driver in fact nearly hit a construction worker on a ladder while working on the front of Jones while we still are rebuilding from the last accident over 15 months ago. I'm asking the city to revisit our problem because the parking blocks now are only serving as ramps for cars to get on the sidewalk faster. Please walk the street and see for yourselves, there are tire tracks on top and on the opposite side of the blocks from people driving over them. They are not doing the job that they were intended to do. As we learned this past winter, they make snow removal on our side of the street very hard on our city workers. They collect trash that we have to sweep up weekly just to keep our storefront presentable. We have also had elderly customers trip and fall over them. What I am asking the city to do is either provide concrete flower boxes or some sort of concrete posts that would prevent vehicles driving through our store or allow us to provide them. Jones Drug Store has served our community for over 150 years and I would like to see us stay in business for centuries to come while also providing a safe environment for our customers and staff. I appreciate your time and listening to what I am asking for. In total, Jones has had a vehicle drive through our store 3 times and I believe City Hall has been hit twice in recent years, maybe more. This is a problem that is not going away and needs to be rectified before a citizen really gets hurt. I am asking you all to take my request seriously before that does happen. Please feel free to reach out to me on my phone number listed below or stop by Jones one day and I will show you the videos and we can discuss this even further.

Sincerely, Brian L Thompson, owner Jones Drug Store 125 Court St Jackson, MO 63755 573-243-3524 (work) 573-270-1440 (cell)