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Date: March 30, 2025

To: Andrew Simpson

Re: Notice To Close Business / Early Lease Termination for 166 S. Main Street,

Effective March 31, 2025

Dear Andrew:

I have made the difficult decision to close *Heavenly Wedding Gowns* located at 166 South Main Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236, <u>effective March 31, 2025</u>.

I understand that this will terminate my lease agreement before the December 31, 2025 expiration date; however, unfortunately, since opening the business I have not been unable to create any consumer traffic to the south end of Main Street as I had hoped by using social media accounts, running ads, and canvassing across Clayton and Henry Counties to distribute store flyers on a regular basis. Without sales, I run out of the reserve funds that I set aside to cover the first 5 months of rent (and a security deposit).

I understand that closing the business before the December 2025 lease term will require that I forfeit my \$1,000.00 security deposit, however, without acquiring funds from sales, I have no recourse except to close the business on March 31, 2025.

Over this weekend I removed all items belonging to the business from the property, and I thoroughly cleaned both the exterior and interior. Please note that all upgrades that I made to the property are intact which includes new tile flooring, freshly painted walls in a neutral white color, treatment for bug infestation both internally and externally, filling and cementing a large sinkhole on side of the building, updating the exterior front porch light, and hiring an electrician to update exterior wiring for a flood light and repairing one of the interior exit signs. The utilities have been turned off in my name effective March 31, 2025. Also, I shut off the electricity at the circuit panel and secured the building by locking both the front and back doors. The property upgrades will make the property suitable for a new business to lease. Please note that I also repainted the front exterior door and front windowpanes with their original colors.

I will let Ms. Cameron know that it is not necessary to present my Appropriation request to the Board for approving a sign.

I want to thank you very much for all that you did to help me.

Sincerely,

- Wendy Butts