

City of Tupelo
Department of development services
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Re: COMP22-12 – Southern Heights RV Park Proposed Development – Parcel 106C-13-011-00

I am writing this letter to appeal the decision that was made on August 18, 2022. The city of tupelo voted to deny the use and subsequent permitting of the proposed development due to lack of compliance with city of Tupelo development code standards set forth in section 12.12.2(7). which reads as follows:

“Criteria for Approval of Compatible and Flexible Use Permits. Applications for compatible or flexible use permits shall be approved only if the approving authority finds that the use as proposed or the use as proposed with conditions:

- (a) Is in harmony with the area and is not substantially injurious to the value of properties in the general vicinity;
- (b) Conforms with all special requirements applicable to the use; and
- (c) Will not adversely affect the health or safety of the public.”

The burden of proof of adversely affecting the health or safety of the public was not proven, There was not any statistics, or proof given or provided during or before the hearing. There was not any evidence at all provided to back up the claims. During the hearing I provided evidence of the contrary. I had a conversation with a local rv park in tupelo. They told me they had not had any crimes, I asked about the neighbors in the 336 units of apartments next door . Did they ever have any issues with or vice versa. I was told They never had any problems with the apartment neighbors. I asked is their a privacy fence. I was told there was not a privacy fence. Our property adjoins the City Tree farm and Theron Nichols park. In our plans we would have a Privacy fence providing a separation from any neighbors back yard. Security is a primary concern, for our customers and neighbors. RV Parks or in our case an RV Resort park would not adversely affect any property value. It would actually improve the value and safety of our neighborhood by bringing in a needed business to currently vacant property.

I do not believe the evidence of support was considered in making this decision. I personally went through the neighborhood speaking with residents about our project. I provided a petition and 89 Signatures of approval to The Department of development services. The petition had southern heights residents names and a map of their location in relationship to this project. The 89 signatures should not be ignored. They should have equal value in determining the value of support. The department only listened to the verbal residents that were told innacurate information. The innacurate information consisted of : Residents would be threatened by owners of Rvs, Crime would increase, Owners of Rvs have big dogs, Residents were also told the wrong location of the Project. There was a movement through the Southern Heights Neighborhood association to directly lie and spread innacurate information. I encountered the lies and rumors being spread as I visited my neighbors. Many of them told me that they had been told different negative information. The confusion was to such an extreme that some people had ideas as if this was the residents decision for a project to go on public or city land.

Sincerely,

Jeremie Richardson
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