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Reference: FORMAL Request to have ParkView Manor Condominiums & Townhomes removed from the **Downtown Municipal Service District Information.**

Fayetteville NC Mayor & City Council Members,

The boundaries of the Downtown Municipal Service District that were established in 1978 are in need of a revision, removing both ParkView Manor Condominiums as well as ParkView Townhomes. Pursuant to Article 23, chapter 160A-536 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the district was created in 1978 to raise extra money for beautification and other downtown efforts. These downtown projects, specifically designed to bring additional “business and tourism” traffic downtown, are welcomed by the city of Fayetteville, as well as residents of our many surrounding communities. With the overwhelming majority of the funds raised by this additional tax being used for additional parking, followed by other projects (again specifically designed) to bring in the masses, such as festivals, etc., the efforts in no way whatsoever benefit the ParkView residents ***any more than any other Fayetteville resident***. If anything, the extra downtown traffic, created from these efforts, make it less attractive for the ParkView residents. More traffic and increased waiting times for the downtown businesses, though tremendously beneficial for the “DOWNTOWN BUSINESS OWNERS,” are not more desirable for downtown residents. This very fact is why residential communities specifically battle business entities attempting to bring those businesses into residential communities.

We, the ParkView residents, understand that the property owners of the hotel that was located on the property in 1978 would have certainly been beneficiaries of increased downtown traffic. When the property was converted to a residential community, however, the fact that the current owners do not benefit any more than any other city resident became undisputable. It’s interesting that funding for the operation of the downtown trolleys, that actually make it more convenient for the residents in the extended Haymont community, are funded by this service district as well. By the very spirit of the law that allows municipal service taxing districts, it is always mentioned that residential properties are to be excluded from the district whenever feasible. It is only when they are encompassed within the surrounding businesses that they are typically included.

This is a formal request to have the ParkView residential communities removed, made on behalf of the residents of both “strictly residential” communities. We are simply asking all council members, as well as the mayor, to think about the unfairness of the extra burden being placed on fellow city residents that is both unethical, as well as illegal in our opinion. We would really like to be removed by a show of common sense and morality, as opposed to having to pursue

being removed through legal means. An attempt has already been made to initiate this through Malik Davis, which was denied through an email response, after sending a few follow up emails to see how and if the request was moving forward.

I can be reached at (910) 818-0375 by the mayor or any council member at your convenience to discuss.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Please think about the responsibility to treat all citizens fairly, and do the right thing. It would make much more sense to simply raise "all city residents' taxes by .01/100, than to leave a residential area in a business service district. Things change over time, and in this particular case, it defies logic not to have our community removed.

Regards,

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