



Memorandum

March 29th 2024

This is in response to the attached letter we received from the fire chief Davy Edwards.

As Mayor I would like to address those life safety concerns Chief Edwards brought to our attention regarding the potential construction of a new business facility at parcel number 17 9 29 0 000 001.001.

It is my responsibility as the Mayor of Wilsonville to ensure the safety of our Fire Department and citizens of the Town of Wilsonville.

In reading this letter from the Fire Chief it has been made clear to me that a facility of this type would put undue burden on our fire department resources and in turn this could increase the safety risk to the citizens of Wilsonville.

Based on the information provided by 911 that this parcel is in our fire coverage, I am in opposition to the construction of a transitional living facility for recently released convicted criminals given the unreasonable burden to our fire department and a public safety concern for our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricky Morris".

Mayor Ricky Morris



To: Mayor Ricky Morris

And the Town Council

RE: Parcel Number 17 9 29 0 000 001.001 Construction of New Business

I am writing this letter to notify the elected officials of the Town of Wilsonville, that the Wilsonville Volunteer Fire Department is assigned by the Alabama Forestry Commission to respond to fire, rescue and EMS calls at this parcel location. As many other areas in Shelby County, we are under an agreement with the Alabama Forestry Commission to provide fire and rescue services to areas outside our Town jurisdiction. This agreement has been in place for more than forty years.

After speaking with the Alabama State Fire Marshalls office, I have **life safety** concerns about the potential of the construction of a dormitory type facility. Some of these concerns are:

- Occupancy class
- Central Station Monitoring Alarm System
- Monitored sprinkler system
- 24-hour supervision of these systems
- Building codes for egress emergencies

Additionally, a concentration of occupants who potentially experience drug and alcohol abuse, mental health issues, disability challenges and previous incarceration would have serious implications on our current manpower, training and available resources.

It is my recommendation at this time, that you forward this information to our Town legal group, Engineering group, Shelby County Development Services and Shelby County Building Inspector to oversee the life safety code guidelines and represent these concerns of the Wilsonville Fire Department.

Thank you for your time,

Davy F. Edwards Chief 160

Fire Chief Davy Edwards