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Ms. Susan Baur, Chair Planning Commission City of Roswell 38 Hill Street, Suite G-30 Roswell, GA 30075

Application of EAH Investments, LLC to Rezone 16.159 acres of Land Located at the intersection of Etris Road and Kent Road, Roswell, Georgia from FCA-AG-1 to R-3A Residential; Application Nos. RZ12-05 and CV12-02

Dear Ms. Baur,

We appreciate the efforts of Mr. Townsend and his staff regarding the proposed zoning of 16.159 acres on Etris Road. Our firm represents the Applicant, EAH Investments, LLC. We received the staff recommended conditions and submit this letter as the Applicant's response and request for the Planning Commission to approve the application but delete some of the conditions. We ask that this letter be considered by you and the Planning Commission and filed in the record. The application is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on July 17th and by the City Council on August 13th.

Originally, the Applicant proposed a subdivision containing 46 single-family detached residential lots with an entrance on Kent Road. After discussions with the Planning Department staff, the Applicant reduced the lots number to 38 and moved the entrance to Etris Road. After numerous meetings, the Applicant again modified the plan to provide for an entrance on Kent Road and Etris Road. The staff also requested system improvements of a 9' landscape strip and a 10' sidewalk along Etris Road because it is on a "loop road" in the master plan. In addition, the staff requested the applicant to mitor the corner of the Etris Road and Kent Road intersection. Later, the staff requested a bike lane on Etris Road, left turn lane, and two sidewalks on each side of the road (rather than the one previously requested). Although the Applicant would prefer not to construct the requested system improvements, it is agreeable to doing so with the express understanding that the Applicant will receive impact fee credit or be reimbursed for the construction costs associated with the system improvements.

When the staff report and recommendations were published, two (2) new conditions were imposed: No. 3 (paving of Kent Road minimum 22 feet wide); and No. 4 (install five foot sidewalk along Kent Road). If the zoning is conditioned with these additional system

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improvement, the project will not be able to move forward based on the substantial cost to construct. Accordingly, the Applicant requests the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning and conditional variances without paving or sidewalks on Kent Road. Furthermore, the Applicant requests confirmation that it will received full credit for the cost associated with the system improvements along Etris Road.

It is important to note that Ashton Woods recently obtained zoning approval for R3-A for 8.507 acres on Rucker Road (RZ11-09 & CV11-02). The density for the Ashton Woods project is 3.29 units per acre. Here, the Applicant has proposed lower density of 2.35 units per acre. The transportation conditions recommended by staff for the Ashton Woods included improvements to Rucker Road. The transportation conditions were not incorporated in the zoning and variance approval. The developer was not required to construct any Rucker Road improvements, but instead paid the City of Roswell \$50,000 for future road improvements. Here, the Applicant is being asked to construct \$300,000 of road improvements which would make this project financially impossible. The Applicant requests the Planning Commission to remove staff conditions 3 and 4.

Attached hereto are: 1) the revised Plan; 2) the original Plan; 3) the Drainage Basis Analysis; and, (4) a graph of resale homes over the last 12 months in the Roswell High School District. We have also attached a report by Bill G. Huff, Jr., Certified General Real Estate Appraiser and Certified Land Use Planner, regarding the rezoning and variance application. Mr. Huff is a highly qualified expert and has reviewed the project under the *Guhl* standards. After review, Mr. Huff determined the proposed development is consistent with the character of surrounding communities and will not decrease the value of the nearby existing homes. In fact, the proposed development will have a positive impact on the value of the surrounding homes.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to the hearing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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