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## To whom it may concern:

My name is Carolyn Richardson-Owner of 1301 S. Noland Road, Independence Mo. 64055. I wish to submit this application to rezone this property to **residential** in order to put a 6ft around the property. In June I was asked to get a survey and stamped plans by your building permit office in order to move forward with fencing off this property for protection. Mr. Garrett and I have spoken in detail of all the things happening from being approached from strangers asking me to pay for protection, cutting my screen windows, and removing bolts from the security bars, finding syringes throughout my back yard, busting my ring camera's on both front and back doors, tearing up my fence around the water faucet, damaging my door knobs, stealing my water, destroying my pad locks to access the water and outdoor electricity, breaking my garage window, destroying another pad lock on the attic to the garage, damaging my key pad on both the garage, and back doors. I have dogs who will protect my property but they are confined to a kennel and therefore can only bark at intruders. I have had issues with someone flashing flash lights around my bedroom windows then cutting the screens and loosening and removing the bolts.

These situations has caused great hardship into this once distressed property. Sadly, I've haven't been unable to enjoy it, I can't go out at night for fear of stepping on one of many syringes, used condoms, or other drug paraphernalia in the rear of my yard. I just want to be able to enjoy my home and live in peace, in the absence of all these invasions. I've already applied for a fence permit and was unaware that I couldn't at least move forward with fencing off the back yard where most of the uncomfortable things have happened to feel safe. Although, I am grateful and appreciative for Mr. Garrett allowing the monies paid for a variance hearing months ago to be used towards the fees for applying for rezoning; having to constantly replace, fix or repair things from being tampered with and vandalized has caused a strain and financial hardship.

Lastly, it has been my understanding this property was rezoned in 2018 to Commercial/Residential and I was reassured by Mr. Mike Stuart in 2020\2021 there was no issues with me residing and working here; therefore I do not understand why I am having to rezone a property that was already rezoned by Mr. Ralph Roberts prior to purchase in 2019.

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