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August 3, 2017

Board of Aldermen
City of Starkville, MS
101 Lampkin Street
Starkville, MS 39759

Dear Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen:

As you know, the Starkville Main Street Association is governed by a twelve member board comprised of community members and local business owners that work to affect positive economic and development growth in the Downtown Starkville, which we define as the area between MSU campus (both University and Russell Streets) and City Hall and Lampkin and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive/Hwy 182. Our general membership includes businesses, restaurants, professionals, and individuals in this area.

By a unanimous vote on Tuesday, August 2, 2017, the Starkville Main Street Association Board voted to request that the City of Starkville seek to do three things to promote physical and economic development as well as retail recruitment in Downtown Starkville.

- Amend the current ordinance to meet the State of Mississippi distance requirements for alcohol sales from churches. The attached maps show existing distance requirements that severely limit the development of new restaurants in our downtown.
- With the increase in local breweries and beers, a number of beers have a higher alcohol content than our licensed retail establishment can legally serve under the current ordinance. We ask that the City of Starkville meet the State law.
- The SMSA board supports the extension of service hours throughout the week to allow licensed establishments to operate until 1:00 a.m., if so desired by their management.

New retail businesses and restaurants will be interested in our community with these progressive and forward-thinking opportunities allowed through passage of the proper ordinance(s.) We support the growth and progress of current and future local businesses.

The Starkville Main Street Association, a member agency of the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, supports the preservation, growth and vitality of Downtown Starkville, and we believe this change will further propel our community as the best college town in Mississippi.

Sincerely,


Michelle Jones, Chairman
Starkville Main Street Association