September 10, 2019

City of Gahanna Planning Commission
200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230-2996

Sent via email to: PlanningCommission@Gahanna.gov

Re: *Proposed Final Development Plan and Variance Applications for Eastgate Commercial Park; Parcel ID No. 027-000008-00*

Commission Members:

This letter is in response to the notice the Jefferson Water and Sewer District (herein, the "District") received as a contiguous property owner regarding the above referenced property (herein, the "Property"). Please be aware that the District is indebted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency (herein, "USDA"). Such indebtedness invokes certain service territory protections under 7. U.S.C. §1926(b). The Property has long been part of the District's plan for the provision of both water and sanitary sewer services, and is currently receiving potable water and sanitary sewer services from the District. Therefore, the District has the exclusive right to provide water and sewer services to its service territory pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 1926(b).

Further, the Property is located within the District's Wellhead Protection Area, endorsed by the Ohio EPA, PWSID No. OH2504012. Per Section 1012.03 of the District's Regulations, "No political subdivision shall approve, grant or issue zoning or conditional use permit for any land use within a Wellhead Protection Area until prior written approval of the District has been obtained. The issuance of any permit, license or other instrument in violation of this paragraph shall not relieve any person from compliance with this Chapter." As such, please forward any and all plans that have been filed with the Planning Commission to the District.

Please feel free to contact the District's attorney, John Albers, at 614-464-4414, ext. 1 should you have questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,

Bob Stewart, Director
Jefferson Water & Sewer District

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