

THE CITY OF



TEXAS CITY

DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, SR.  
Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Kim Golden  
Engineer / Planner  
City of Texas City

Hello Mrs. Golden:

This letter is to further express my opinion on the potential development of multifamily residential units in the City of Texas City – specifically the Juniper project.

Since I took office in November 2020 and for many years before then, the City's administration has carefully considered multifamily developments in Texas City. Even though Texas City is trending towards growth of residential and commercial properties, we are not at the point where we see a need to increase our numbers of multifamily developments. Many of our existing complexes are nowhere near capacity. We know that we have a finite amount of acreage available for new developments in the City of Texas City. Therefore, it is incumbent of us to be prudent with our allowances. We want to maximize our efforts with projects that give us the best "bang for our buck" as it pertains to giving our residents what the market demands.

I have also recently been provided with data from our emergency response staff (fire, police, EMS, and emergency management) that further confirms the addition of multifamily units would not fall in line with the City's best interests. This is my utmost concern - public safety - and how much of an additional strain on our first responders this may be. Other similar developments in the city, specifically in that area, make up a disproportionate number of calls to our police, fire, and EMS services. The proposed area of that development is already inundated with calls and responses from emergency personnel that oftentimes places a strain on our responsive efforts. Even though we are trying to grow those departments, that process is slow and could take a few years to get us where we need to be. It is my hope that these reasons are clear and more than enough to paint the picture as to why I don't believe multifamily residential is in our best interest at this particular time of our developments. I don't have a timeline on when this position will change for me, but we can reassess the data in a few years to see what's best again. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Dedrick D. Johnson  
Mayor, City of Texas City