



Public Forum on Business Moratorium to be held in Ridgeland

(Ridgeland, MS – March 9, 2010) The public is invited to a forum to discuss the “Moratorium on the Location of Certain Types of Businesses”. The City of Ridgeland Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopted an order on August 4, 2009 that imposes a temporary moratorium on the location of additional pawn shops, tattoo parlors, title loan establishments, check cashing establishments, businesses purchasing gold or other precious metals as a primary business and nail salons. Certain types of businesses, such as those under moratorium, in large concentration tend to have a blighting effect.

This public forum is being led by the City of Ridgeland Community Awareness Committee to assist the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in their study of whether additional regulation is necessary and desirable to address the issue. The public is invited to participate in the forum and to express their thoughts, concerns, and/or support of these types of businesses and whether further action needs to be taken to prevent blight from an increase in these types of businesses in Ridgeland.

Please plan on attending and participating in the public forum to be held on Monday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Services Building at 115 West School Street, directly behind the Ridgeland Library. A sign-in sheet will be available for those who wish to speak and 5 minutes will be allowed per speaker. Written statements will also be accepted and delivered to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen as part of the study. The meeting will conclude by 7:00 p.m.

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