## ORDER: DENY REQUEST FROM THE JEFFERSON AT 365 HIGHWAY 6 EAST TO RECEIVE QUALIFIED RESORT STATUS

Motion was made by Chad McLarty, duly seconded Mike Roberts, to deny a request from The Jefferson at 365 Highway 6 East to receive Qualified Resort Status.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Kevin Frye, voted no Supervisor Jeff Busby, voted yes Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 1st day of February, 2016.

Jeff Busby, President Board of Supervisors Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

## Green Family Oxford, LLC dba The Jefferson

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January 13, 2016

Lisa D. Carwyle County Administrator, Lafayette County 300 North Lamar Oxford, MS 38655

Dear Ms. Carwyle:

This letter is to request that the topic of Green Family Oxford, LLC (dba The Jefferson) be placed on the February 1 Board of Supervisors meeting agenda. The subject matter is a request for a resolution regarding the designation of Qualified Resort Status through the State of Mississippi Department of Revenue, Alcohol Beverage Control Division.

The Jefferson is an event venue located 3 miles east of Oxford at 365 Highway 6 East. Construction of the venue will be completed in March 2016. The Jefferson is sited on a 98 acre farm with an overview of an eight acre lake. It includes two prep kitchens, three large event rooms, conference room, permanent stage, bride's room, spacious restrooms, and outdoor patio. The property includes one cottage with multiple bedrooms that will be available for overnight rentals. Construction of additional cottages is under consideration.

The Jefferson is an ideal setting for large or small community or private events. The designation of Qualified Resort Status will be an enhancement to The Jefferson when hosting such events.

As you are aware the application instructions for Qualified Resort Status are:

A Qualified Resort Area must be defined by a specific boundary or address. The application must be submitted by the President of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that govern the area. In the event the President of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor and Board refuse to submit such application, the same may be submitted by no less than 100 adult citizens of the community to be affected, and shall in each instance include the following items:

- (1) A map clearly marked to indicate the specific area under consideration.
- (2) Reasons why the particular area should be classified as a qualified resort area.
- (3) Endorsements from three (3) civic clubs in the area under consideration.
- (4) Assurance from the Sheriff or Chief of Police that he will enforce the Local Option Beverage Control Laws of the State of Mississippi, and the rules and regulations of the Mississippi Department of Revenue.
- (5) A certified copy of the order or orders as entered on the minute books of the governing body. In the event that the governing body does not vote in favor of sponsoring the application, the application may be submitted by a petition of support by no less than 100 adult citizens of the community to be affected.
- (6) Proof of publication of legal notices and all public opinion responses. Legal notice must be printed once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the area. The notice must state that an application for classification as a Qualified Resort Area is being filed, the contents of the application, and a request for public opinion from residents in the area under consideration, and that approval will permit the sale of alcoholic beverages. Adjacent or affected areas may either join in or file objections to the application with the Department.

I appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter with the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely

Tom Green II