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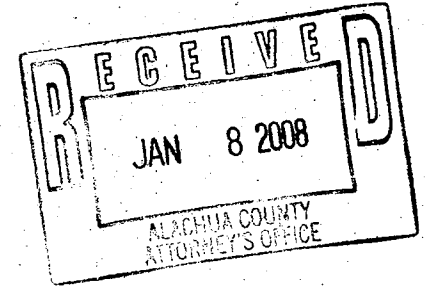
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Re: **CITY OF ALACHUA – PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF MCGINLEY PROPERTY**

Dear Chairman Long:

Thank you for calling me on December 10, 2007, to discuss Alachua County's concerns with the City of Alachua's proposed completion of the annexation of the McGinley Property. I am writing to assure you that the City of Alachua ("City") intends to evaluate, in good faith, how to proceed with the potential annexation of the parcels that Alachua County ("County") believes may constitute an enclave if the City annexes the McGinley Property. Even though the City does not believe that an enclave will be created by its annexation of the McGinley Property, the City greatly values its relationship with the County and desires to address the County's concerns in a meaningful manner as the City evaluates when to annex any parcels in its reserve area.

Once again, I truly appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and hope that we have been able to satisfactorily address the County's concerns regarding this matter. To that end, I am hopeful that the County Commission will decide to not challenge the City's proposed completion of the annexation of the McGinley Property. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully,

Clovis Watson, Jr., MBA
City Manager

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