



# City of Asheville, NC

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Office of the City Attorney

October 22, 2007

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29 Market Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

RE: Thompson v. City of Asheville and Greenlife Grocery  
Buncombe County file no. 07 CvS 1958

Dear Paul:

It has come to my attention that Reid Thompson has approached members of Asheville City staff on several occasions regarding Greenlife Grocery and Maxwell Street. Please advise Mr. Thompson that in light of the pending lawsuit, City staff has been instructed not to discuss these matters with Mr. Thompson. If Mr. Thompson has any questions, he should submit them to the City Attorney's Office or the City Manager's Office. Discovery pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure is also available.

Additionally, members of the City staff have advised me that Mr. Thompson has on several occasions confronted them about the Greenlife / Maxwell Street issues and behaved in a manner that has caused them to be concerned for their safety. This behavior has included yelling, cursing, and – on at least one occasion – following a staff member down the street. Please inform Mr. Thompson that if such inappropriate behavior continues, the City will take the necessary steps to ensure a safe workplace, including restricting his access to City offices, and seeking legal action, if appropriate.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RWOast", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert W. Oast, Jr.  
City Attorney

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