May 12, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

We, Daniel W. Forrest and Lorinda D. Forrest, owners of 516 Yorktown Road, Yorktown, 23693 since March 2000, hope the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will strongly consider allowing us to continue boarding horses on our property. We prefer to keep the property "as is" rather than sell and see a new development there! All 16 acres have been in my family since prior to the Civil War. My great-grandmother, Octavia Tabb was appointed the first Postmistress of the Tabb Post Office in December 1897, and hence Tabb got its name.

The property is nearly surrounded by woods and really only has one neighbor on the right side who has never complained to me. It has a large open pasture and the rest is wooded. Beyond the woods is Tabb Lane and several of the residents have agreed to appear with me before the Boards to express their desire to see the horses remain on this property.

We are not sure how long it has had ponies, horses, goats, geese, chickens, peacocks, parakeets in an aviary, cats and dogs, but I know it has been many, many years. The stables in the back that now house 7 horses were built in 1962 and once provided shelter to 12 ponies. At one time there were at least 14 ponies there. Prior to 1962, it had two stables that boarded two ponies and several other buildings. A barn, tractor shed, chicken house, open stables for goats and the parakeet aviary are just a few. When we acquired the property, we "inherited" almost 40 goats in addition to the ponies.

I have been told that ponies and horses were boarded there over the years, but I do not know of anyone living that can provide documentation to support this.

Please consider issuing a special use permit to allow us to continue to board horses at this location. The stables and pastures are well maintained and the horses look like they belong here. I would prefer to continue to drive by and stop in and admire the beauty of the animals than to see more houses built here.

Please help us to continue to board horses/ponies at this location so we can keep this tiny piece of "country" the way it is.

Sincerely,

Daniel Forrest

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