


January 3, 2008

Mr. Ken Parker
City Manager
City of Port Orange
1000 City Center Circle
Port Orange, Florida 32129**Re: Request for Continuance of City Council Hearing on
Wal-Mart PCD Rezoning Application (Case No. 05-6500007)**

Dear Mr. Parker:

As you know, during the course of the past several months, Wal-Mart has been diligently pursuing its review of concerns expressed by both your office and the City Council regarding the proposed Supercenter at Nova and Madeline Road. We continue to examine various options for addressing the City's concerns, but it does not appear that we will be in a position to present you with a final proposal in advance of the next hearing date, currently scheduled for January 15, 2008. We would like the opportunity to not only come back with comprehensive answers to the main issues brought up, but to also afford your professional staff enough time to process the information before the next hearing. Accordingly, we respectfully request a continuance of the hearing on this matter to April 15, 2008. Such a continuance will allow us an opportunity to finalize our proposal, allow adequate time for your professional staff to review the submitted materials and ensure that ample opportunity exists for citizen participation at the final hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


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