STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)	PETITION TO CLOSE STREET
COUNTY OF GASTON)	

TO: GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The undersigned, Charles Dean Morgan, a resident of Gaston County, respectfully shows and requests unto the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, the following:

1. That the Petitioner, Charles Dean Morgan, is the owner of several parcels of land. The relevant parcels are as follows:

a. PARCEL 182731

- i. Physical Address: 924 Stowe Lane, Gastonia, NC 28056
- ii. Mailing Address: 924 Stowe Lane, Gastonia NC 28056
- iii. Book 1898, Page 0081
- iv. Map Book 14, Page 32, Parcel B28

b. PARCEL 207077

- i. Physical Address: 919 Stowe Lane, Gastonia, NC 28056
- ii. Mailing Address: 924 Stowe Lane, Gastonia, NC 28056
- iii. Book 4510, Page 1965
- iv. Map Book 06, Page 71, Parcel B29

c. PARCEL 300083

- i. Physical Address: Not addressed
- ii. Mailing Address: 924 Stowe Lane, Gastonia, NC 28056
- iii. 4992, Page 384 (tract 2)
- iv. No new recorded plat

d. PARCEL 300082

- i. Physical Address: Not addressed
- ii. Mailing Address 924 Stowe Lane, Gastonia, NC 28056
- iii. Book 4992, Page 384 (tract 1)
- iv. No new recorded plat
- 2. An impassable right-of-way, which exists only on paper as such, bisects these four parcels of land. A map depicting such right-of-way is attached.

- 3. To the two northernmost parcels, 182731 and 207077 are at the southernmost terminus of Stowe Lane. As indicated by NCDOT signage, the right-of-way that exists through these two parcels of land is not a state maintained road, as the state maintained part of Stowe Lane ends immediately north of these parcels.
- 4. The right-of-way that traverses over parcels 182731 and 207077 does not connect with the right of way that bisects parcels 300082 and 300083. The Petitioner believes in good faith that closing the right-of-way in question will not cause hardship to any adjacent property owner, as it will not detrimentally impact such individuals' ingress or egress.
- 5. The right-of-way over these four parcels is named Lake Street and Stowe Lane. Lake Street is not maintained by the NCDOT. The right of way bisecting the northern parcels of 182731 and 202077 is Stowe Lane. The portion of Stowe Lane described herein is also not maintained by the NCDOT.
- 6. Closing the portion of the right-of-way that bisects the four above-mentioned Parcels will not detrimentally impact third parties, as the right of way is currently unpassable. Due to the topography and tree growth in this area, it is unlikely the NCDOT will spend monies to connect Stowe Lane with Lake Road.
- 7. Due to trespassers, the Petitioner requests to close the right-of-way and for Gaston County to extinguish any interest it might have in such right-of-way.
- 8. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 160A-299, the following individuals have a right to receive notice of the right-of-way public hearing, should the Gaston County Board of Commissioners schedule a public hearing to close such right-of-way:
 - TREVOR AND KATIE LAWRENCE, 913 STOWE LN, GASTONIA, NC 28056

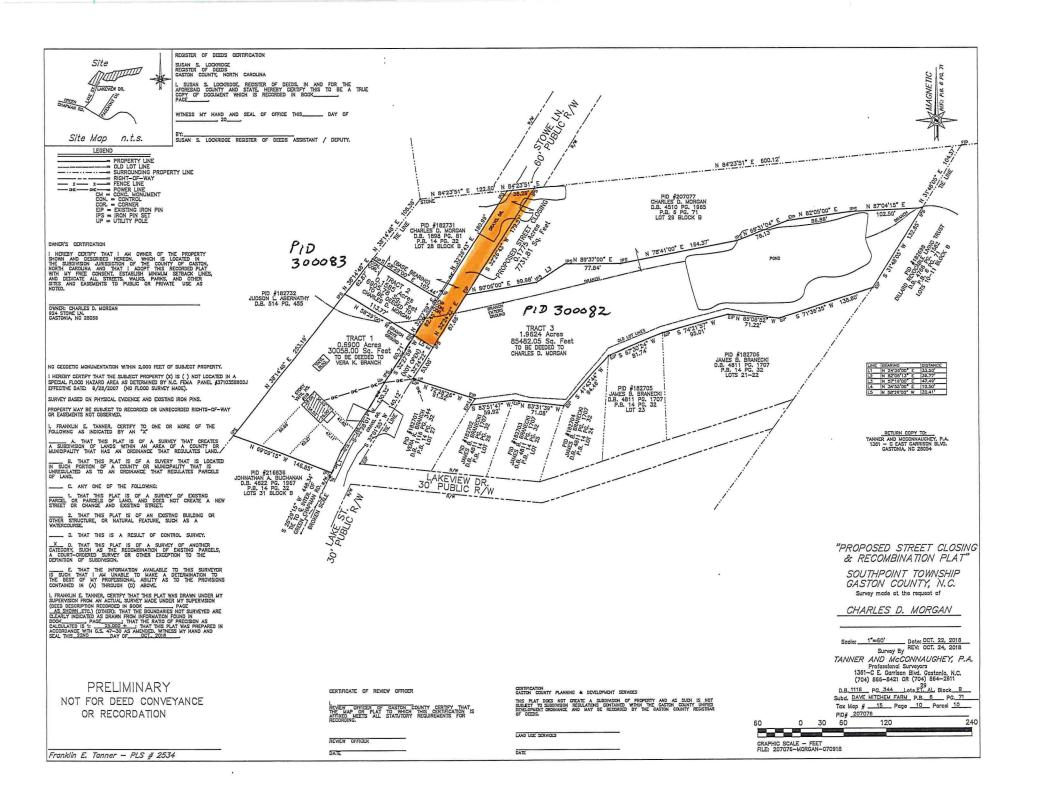
 JUDSON AND BERRY ABERNATHY, 2965 SOUTH POINT PRARIE RD, WENTZVILLE, MO 63385

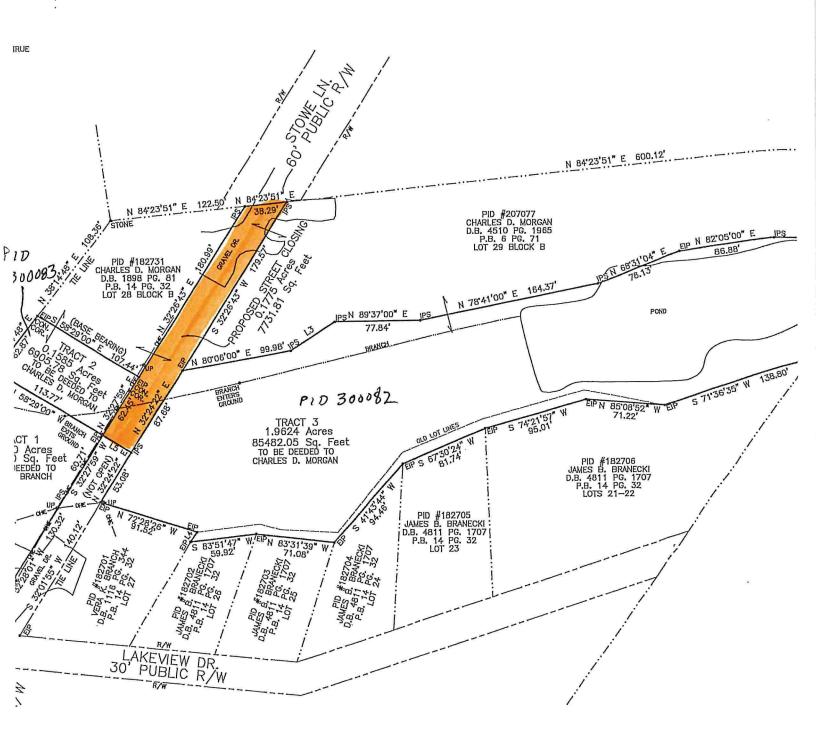
 VERA KING BRANCH, 119 LAKE STREET, GASTONIA, NC 28056
- 9. That the Gaston County Board of Commissioners is authorized by North Carolina General Statute Section 153A-241 to close that portion of the right-of-way as herein described.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Petitioner requests that the Gaston County Board of County Commissioners declare their intent to close that portion of Lake Street and Stowe Lane as described herein, and they give notice in accordance with the provisions of N.C. General Statutes Section 153A-241 by publishing notice of said hearing once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the Gaston Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in Gaston County, North Carolina, and by posting notices of the closing and public hearing prominently along the portion of the general area in at least two locations, and by mailing via registered or certified mail the individuals described herein who have an ownership interest in the property located adjacent to the subject area.

Charles Dean Morgan, Petitioner

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