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MEMORANDUM

TO

The Honorable Ivan, Allen, Jr.

FROM

W. R. Wofford, AW

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1307 Thurgood Street, S. W.

In regard to the matter of a group of girls living on the premises at the above address I advise that there is considerable difference of opinion in the neighborhood concerning this matter. We have had a number of complaints from adjoining residents contending that the current use of the premises violates zoning provision while, on the other hand, the operator of the premises contends that he is not in violation.

Attorney Ward's review of the matter clearly points out that the girls can live on the premises as a family in the event the girls are sharing the rent and expenses and are cooking and eating together, which would be permissible under zoning provisions. However, if the girls are paying rent separately to the landlord, it would appear that a boarding house is being operated in violation of zoning laws.

Based upon inspections made and information obtained it appears that Mr. Glass is operating an illegal rooming or boarding house. Mr. Glass has been notified of the above matter and asked to correct the situation. Due to the differences of opinion between the neighbors and the rooming house owner, it seems best to bring the matter before the courts in order to determine if a violation of the zoning ordinance exists. We are in the process of getting facts together in order to bring this matter to the municipal courts.

The Police Department, through its licensing of rooming houses, has recently brought this matter before the Municipal Court for failure to obtain a license. It is my understanding that the girls thereafter vacated the premises for a period of approximately one month.