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**[EXTERNAL] Opposition to Ascension St Thomas ER in Fairview**

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Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Audubon Cove to formally express my opposition to the proposed construction of the Ascension St. Thomas Emergency Room adjacent to our neighborhood in Fairview, Tennessee.

Our community is home to many families with young children, and has an average property value of \$650,000. The introduction of an emergency room, particularly one with a helicopter pad and large retention pond, is not compatible with the character of our neighborhood.

Several specific concerns warrant consideration:

1. **Noise Pollution:** The helicopter pad and ambulance sirens will generate frequent, loud noise that will disrupt daily life and create a hazardous environment for children.
2. **Traffic and Safety:** The expected increase in ambulance and public traffic raises safety concerns for residents, especially children walking or playing in the neighborhood. We are a dead-end street with only one way in and out. This makes the neighborhood particularly vulnerable to traffic congestion and safety hazards.
3. **Retention Pond Ineffectiveness:** The proposed retention pond, rather than buffering sound, actually carries noise into the neighborhood, leaving the community exposed to constant disturbances.
4. **Neighborhood Character and Property Values:** The presence of an emergency facility and the clientele it attracts is inconsistent with our residential character and will negatively impact our property values.

While we recognize the importance of accessible healthcare, the location of this facility directly adjacent to a residential area is inappropriate. If the Commission's goal is to expand emergency services in Fairview, we urge approval of the nearby Tristar ER instead, which is better situated and will provide necessary care without compromising established neighborhoods.

Thank you for prioritizing the safety, well-being, and quality of life of our community in your decision.

Sincerely,

Debbie Adams