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### **What is Tattnall Investment Group?**

We are a local group of Tattnall County business owners and community leaders that want to grow our local trade market area and keep sales and tax revenue working at home.

### **Why did we ask to meet?**

We are in the early stages of developing a four acre tract of land next to Harvey's off Highway 57 with a focus on delivering the Optim Medical area with a much-needed hotel, national pharmacy chain, and a casual dining restaurant. The investment just in these three business adventures could result in \$13 million in construction, annual sales of \$5 million, and the creation of 10-20 jobs at each location. Everyone benefits from Tattnall residents working at home.



## **How will this development help the local economy of Tattnall County?**

There are so many opportunities for economic growth while making the County a destination and giving residents a reason to spend their money at home. Currently doctors, families and other business travelers coming to Tattnall must travel to Hinesville, Metter, Vidalia, Statesboro or Savannah for a franchise lodging when we could offer those accommodations right here in Reidsville. The town and county would get a portion of sales tax revenue and the town could institute a Special Occupancy Tax as is done in most other municipalities.

Likewise, a national pharmacy chain is all but a requirement in proximity to a growing hospital like Optim Medical Center. And a community that wants to attract visitors can never have too many quality dining options.

These three business units will help to attract sports tournaments, business conferences, and other gatherings to hold their functions in Tattnall County instead of going elsewhere as they have been in the past.



Existing businesses and institutions will also benefit, such prison system visitors and onion growers who require lodging and dining.

### **How can Tattnell County help us?**

Officials and residents of Tattnell County can rest assured that we have the drive and team necessary to push these projects forward. However, we will need help to advance the process and to ensure the projects are successful. We humbly request these two aids from the County.

1. **\$20,000 in financial assistance** to help pay for feasibility and environmental impact studies that are a routine part of new business developments. These studies are conducted by the respective franchises and represent the first step in the franchising process. Having the funds available will express our seriousness to them.



2. A **10-year exemption on property taxes** for at least the hotel, if not all three businesses. This tax subsidy would go a long ways to attracting the franchises into a market such as ours, as it will negate a significant annual expense.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tattnall Investment Group