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The City did not grant the owners of the RV Park's special zoning exception in August, 2016 to continue use as an RV Park, but allowed 90 days for the tenants of the RV Park to vacate. The owners of the RV Park appealed, and after lengthy court proceedings up until 2019, the Judge ruled for the City on June 14, 2019 and found that the City's decision was legal, and that the decision to close down the RV Park was supported by substantial evidence of criminal activity and that the RV Park was a detriment to the City both of which were admitted by the RV Park owner himself, and community objections to the RV Park.

The owners of the RV Park have known about the Judge's ruling since June 14, 2019, and that the ruling means that the RV's at the RV Park property would have to be removed. The owners and their attorney could have notified the City of its intent to file an appeal sooner than the 9th hour, as the RV park owners' appeal was just perfected on yesterday July 17, 2019 after the 30 day appeal deadline.

Because a stay was entered pending a final decision by either the Court of Appeals or Mississippi Supreme Court, the City will further litigate its position that has now been affirmed by the Madison County Circuit Court in a higher Court. However, the City has no duty to notify the RV Park's tenants of any purported closure of the RV Park. That responsibility is the RV Park owner who has known about the City's decision to not allow its conditional use for 3 years, since August of 2016, and has known that the City's decision was successful and upheld since June 14, 2019.

If the Appellate Court agrees with the Circuit Court then the RV's would still have to be removed, and that duty to notify anyone in the RV Park would be that of the RV Park owner.