

## Philip Porter

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Bronson Florida 32621

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Stacey Hectus  
Director, Planning and Zoning  
320 Mongo St.  
Bronson, Florida 32621

Dear Director Hectus,

RE: Petition No SE 23-01

Since January 2023 massive amounts of sand have been removed from a sand pit on land owned by Thomas Lee Aquilla Jr which sits on parcel 03606000000. Hundreds of dump trucks have been hauling sand out of that pit daily. They enter and exit the pit from NE 40th St onto CR 337. This land is zoned pasture II. Recently it has stopped and things have returned to normal. However, now there is a proposed zoning change to allow a major mining operation.

Mr. Aquilla is a direct neighbor of Ryan Thomas. Mr. Thomas is the owner of the mining co that has requested a zoning change to mine nearby parcels of agricultural land. The proposed ingress/egress is by NE 30th St. to CR 337. These are not small dump trucks. What's even worse is they gear up and down right in front of my house. This activity continued from dawn to dusk. Every time one passes it rumbles the ground, shakes the house and rattles the windows. My dogs were in continuous distress. This is not an exaggeration. The extremity of this nuisance is akin to torture.

I bought my property for the ambiance of a rural setting and based in part on the zoning of residential/agricultural. I only have a limited time left and I want to spend it communing with nature not with dump trucks. This will not stand. If I have to take legal action I will. If I have to move, I will expect compensation for losses and expense.

Further, there appears to be misinformation spreading online and by word of mouth, that the purpose of the zoning change is only to allow Mr.