



City of Portsmouth, Public Service Department

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Christopher L. Murphy
Public Service Director

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Councilman Bob Mollette
3rd Ward Council Person
1705 Franklin Blvd.
Portsmouth, OH 45662

Re: Correspondence 05-009 (Alley between 18th Street & Kinneys Lane)

Dear Councilman:

I have reviewed your request as brought forth to the City of Portsmouth's Traffic Committee. Attached is a picture of the alley in question. I can see where a zealous person would take it upon their self to extend the parking area. However, you can clearly tell it is not part of the parking lot. It should be common knowledge that it is against the law to obstruct streets and alleys just as it is common knowledge that motorists are not to park on yellow curbs. Signage will not enforce a city ordinance. The numbers of vehicles speeding up and down our city streets validate this. Speed limit signs are posted all over town, yet people still speed. The best course of action is to notify the Police Department when a vehicle is obstructing any alley.

Should you have further questions concerning this issue, contact me at (740) 353-5419.

Sincerely,



Christopher L. Murphy
Director of Public Service
City of Portsmouth

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Mayor Kalb
City Clerk

