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Jim Kalb, Mayor
728 Second Street
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Re: **Reported Complaints concerning 1431 Layton Drive**

I am forwarding additional grievances I received concerning the above residence for your review and appropriate actions as necessary. Complainants have reported recent sewer gas smell and front yard erosion of new incomplete construction into the street as shown in the two (2) digital photographs attached. The top photo indicates an unfinished open trench with a white polyvinylchloride (PVC) pipe partially covered. The east side of the front yard indicates covered trenching to the back of the house. The bottom photo indicates erosion from the front yard into the street. Complainants are concerned this condition will linger if not addressed.

This residence has been reported recently and in the past through the Health Department (October 2004 and March 2005) and your office for various concerns. It has also been reported as a parking nuisance with up to eighteen (18) vehicles parked in the front yard at night. Vehicles have also been reported to come and go on a temporary basis with constituents concerned about possible criminal activity.

Please evaluate the following codified ordinances for direction and assistance as needed:

351.03 Prohibited Standing or Parking Places (q)
351.04 Parking Near Curb; Handicapped Locations on Public and Private Lots and Garages (c)
351.12 Prohibition Against Parking on Streets or Highways
512.03 Barricades and Warning Lights; Abandoned Excavations
901.12 Obstruction of Streets and Sidewalks; Responsibility of Owners and Occupants
901.13 Notice to Remove Obstructions; Barricades and Lights
925.02 Plumbing and Sewer Building; License Required
925.03 Plumbing and Sewer Building; Notice and Plans
925.05 House Connections; Permit Required
925.14 Line, Depth and Grade of Connections
925.15 Materials Specifications; Pipe and Joints
1313.01 (4) Definition for Nuisance
1319.04 Grading and Drainage
1333.02 Register of Persons in the Plumbing Business; Fee
1333.03 Permit Required; Fee
1349.02 Habitable Floor Area
1349.03 Sleeping Rooms
1349.04 Calculation of Floor Area

Evaluate these concerns for accuracy and involve the appropriate departments to resolve these issues. Please advise me of appropriate actions taken to avoid repeated complaints. Contact me should you have additional questions or comments.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Council

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cc: w/attachment
3rd Ward Constituents
David Kuhn, Solicitor
Health Department
Engineering Department
Jo Ann Aeh, City Clerk (Record)
Council (5)

