

# Bob Mollette

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

Be advised, it is very frustrating for your constituents in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward to endure the lack of assistance at the above address to resolve previously documented complaints. Constituents have stated "***it would be easier to move!***" Actions and relevant information have been requested via letters #06-016 dated March 2, 2006, #06-012 dated February 2, 2006, #06-005 dated January 25, 2006, #05-027 dated December 30, 2005, and #05-024 dated December 28, 2005. These letters are published on [www.mollette.info](http://www.mollette.info) in the event you are unable to find your copy.

I have enclosed additional *updated* photographs taken March 19, 2006 for your review and action. As in the past, adjacent property owners have unresolved concerns of possible criminal activity with the amount of traffic associated with this residence, especially at night. A photo indicates vehicles parked in the driveway, front yard, and roadway in front. Parking in the street creates hazards and obstructions which restricts vehicle traffic and increases difficulties residents experience accessing their driveways. It appears based on a site visit the front and side yard construction project remains unfinished and unsightly. Please consider the following codified ordinances or others as needed to resolve these issues:

*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*

Also a photo indicates storm sewer catch basins located in the middle of the *cul-de-sac* on Layton Drive in need of repair. The pavement is damaged (base) at the inlet to the storm sewer. The City should prioritize this repair to avoid plugging the storm sewer system.

Communication is *key* to understanding and solving our community problems. I recommend all complaints receive a written response providing information to justify actions or inactions taken. This would provide accountability and avoid misinterpretations. The continued lack of action places the City at risk and compels the public to take action. Instead of the City protecting the public; the public is forced to hold the City accountable by filing an *Injunction* in the Scioto Common Pleas Court to force the City to enforce the laws.

Evaluate and resolve these issues to avoid a blighted community. As always, I welcome your thoughts on these and any matters discussed here. Contact me should you have any comments or questions.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Council

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- cc: w/enclosure
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Constituents
- David Kuhn, Solicitor
- Charles Horner, Police Chief
- Health Department
- Engineering Department
- Council (5)
- Jo Ann Aeh, City Clerk (Record)

