

# Bob Mollette

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Jim Kalb, Mayor  
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Re: **Assistance Requested on Reported Complaints on West Timlin Road**

I am requesting your assistance, resources, and guidance to resolve this dynamic and prolonged conflict concerning reported complaints at 2102 and 2112 West Timlin Road. The citizens are frustrated and concerned the City is unable to abate their concerns and avoid blighted conditions in their neighborhood. These are your constituents and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward residents requesting assistance. I have attached digital photographs to provide information and assist in resolving these concerns.

The photographs associated with 2102 West Timlin Road indicate the property is being used to store various abandoned vehicles and equipment. It appears the residence is vacant and is being used exclusively to store these items. The most offensive objects are naturally the biggest and most noticeable from a distance by the canvass wrapping (blue/green). It is a recreational vehicle and pontoon boat. I believe these items could be considered a nuisance (*303.08 Junk or Abandoned Vehicles; Nuisance Declared*) and inappropriate for residential neighborhood causing a blighted influence on nearby properties and thereby depreciating the enjoyment and use of property. Also evaluate the appropriateness of storing abandoned used cars (*1319.08 Unregistered Vehicles in Residential Areas*), ski boat, truck camper top, and old tires (future mosquito issue) located next to the garage.

The photographs associated with the property at 2112 West Timlin Road indicate various concerns voiced by alarmed constituents in the neighborhood with hopes of resolving this conflict. This property has a driveway which connects East Timlin Road and West Timlin Road with the house situated facing both streets. The question has been raised concerning property being considered a **"through lot"** as defined in the Codified Ordinance *1135.06 Through Lots; Reversed Frontage*. It requires both east and west frontage conform to front yard requirements. The concern is the appropriateness of a temporary shed and mobile farm equipment (tractor) stored in the front yard which is in conflict with *1135.04 Accessory Buildings and Rear Dwellings* and *351.23 Front Yard Parking*. The storage of these items including bales of straw, miscellaneous building or landscaping supplies and items stored temporarily under plastic should be considered a nuisance and abated to avoid causing a blighted influence on nearby properties and thereby depreciating the enjoyment and use of property. One photograph indicates the practice of disposing solid waste (tree trimming) into the street. This practice must be abated and solid waste disposed of appropriately (*941.10 Preparation and Storage of Residential Refuse for Collection; Placement; Unacceptable Refuse*) to avoid a blighted community. The water meter and adjacent soil has settled and in need of backfill. Evaluate and abate the concern expressed concerning runoff from roof drains to nearby property and driveways during heavy rainfall (*1319.04 Grading and Drainage*).

Based on my experience representing your constituents and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward residents the system to enforce and improve our laws is dysfunctional and warrants immediate improvement. Communication is key to our success in reducing conditions associated with nuisance and blighted neighborhood influences. I am requesting the reverence of a written response on actions or inactions taken including justifications. If you have any questions or comments contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Mollette", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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

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cc: w/attachments

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



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