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Mayor James Kalb
City Building
728 Second Street
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RE: Enforcement of City Ordinances

Dear Mr. Kalb:

I write to thank you for personally calling me on May 17, 2006, in response to my May 10, 2006, letter to our Councilman, Robert Mollette, requesting assistance in having the City enforce city ordinances. I was also very glad that you called because it gave me the opportunity to clarify our issues.

You mentioned that you had turned the concerns expressed in our earlier correspondence over to the Health Department for Ms. Burton's review. As I mentioned on the phone, Bill and I personally have potential health concerns regarding the drain lines that the Pierrons ran towards our retaining wall because these lines were buried instead of being properly connected to the sewer line and we have run off when it rains which sometimes floods our driveway. This is a problem, but not related to the issue at hand.

At this time, we are most concerned with the removal of the ugly shed placed in the yard of 2112 Timlin Road. We join most of the residents in this beautiful neighborhood to ask that the City enforce the ordinances related to the City's building and zoning codes. I appreciate that you agreed to have the appropriate departments investigate the situation next door to determine:

1. Is 2112 Timlin Road considered a "through lot" as defined in the city ordinances?
2. If the answer is yes, then does this property have essentially two front yards?
3. If the answer is yes, must this property conform with front yard requirements as defined in the ordinances?
4. If the answer is yes, then do the city ordinances that have been adopted allow a property owner to have a shed in a front yard?

I look forward to hearing from you or a department head that has reviewed the problem. We would ask that any response be in writing in order that we are able to copy the City's response to our neighbors.

Very truly yours,

Susan E. Shaw



Cc: Councilman Robert Mollette