

# Bob Mollette

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Jim Kalb, Mayor  
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Re: **Reported Concerns at 1232 17<sup>th</sup> Street Residence**

I received concerns expressed by your constituents living in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward concerning the above residence. I visited the site and enclosed dated photographs of a chained dog and solid sanitary waste in the alley at the above residence for your review and actions.

Several issues were raised concerning the dog being a nuisance. Evaluate the Codified Ordinances Section **505.08 Nuisance Conditions Prohibited** Item (a) "*No person shall keep or harbor any animal or fowl in the Municipality so as to create noxious or offensive odors or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort or safety of the public.*" Also consider Section **505.09 Barking or Howling Dogs**, and **505.20 Excreta Removal**.

Several issues were expressed concerning the storage and handling of solid sanitary waste at this location. Evaluate the practice of storing solid waste containers within the right-of-way of the alley which may be an obstacle for through traffic and resident parking. It appears this may be occurring to provide a distance between the dog and the solid waste. Concerns have been expressed, currently and in the past, involving the spread of transient litter and solid waste onto private property near this location. Please evaluate **521.08 Littering and Deposit of Garbage, Rubbish, Junk, Etc.** and Section **941.10 Preparation and Storage of Residential Refuse for Collection; Placement; Unacceptable Refuse**, which Item (f) states "*Each owner shall prevent the continued, excessive and unsightly accumulation of refuse upon the property such person occupies or the public thoroughfares adjoining the property.*"

The issues discussed above document a struggle to avoid blighted conditions within our community. Please evaluate these heartfelt concerns for accuracy and involve the appropriate departments to resolve these issues. I am requesting the reverence of a written response for accountability and avoid misinterpretations.

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  
Christopher Murphy, Public Service Director  
Donald Walden, Health Department  
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Council (5)  
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