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Mr. Bob Mollette
Third Ward Councilman
1705 Franklin Avenue
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

RE: Correspondence Number 07-036

Dear Councilman Mollette,

The concerns of our constituents in the correspondence listed above have been noted and recorded. I would like to update you on their current status.

1329 Park Avenue – Wendy Payton talked to the complainant. He understands that we are working on an ordinance that will be submitted at council, hopefully at the next meeting.

1702 Highland Avenue and 1310 Franklin Avenue – These are vacant, dilapidated structures. When Environmental Court is implemented, the PCHD will attempt to bring someone into court. We are currently having community service workers maintain the property until the City has the funding to tear them down. Grass cutting can't be started by ordinance until May 15th. The Health Department is hoping to submit an amended ordinance for next year to eliminate the date.

1647 Robinson Avenue – Health Department is currently working on locating the owners. Also, Engineering will be awarding a bid shortly for the demolition of this structure.

1669 Robinson Avenue – This house was recently inspected by the Health Department and no rat burrows were found. However, the problems are high weeds, shrubbery and grass. The house is gutted inside. Three years ago the Nuisance Board refused to order it torn down. PCHD will also work toward bringing owners to court if Environmental Court is approved.





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1225 Albert Street – This house is on the Service Department's list for maintenance.

The Health Department is currently working quickly toward the implementation of Environmental Court as well as implementing a stringent land banking program. We are hopeful that addressing these two issues will help alleviate some of these problems. However, as you know this process will take some time.

If you have any further questions please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

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James D. Kalb, Mayor
City of Portsmouth

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