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

Dear Councilman Mollette,

The concerns of our constituents in your correspondence number 07-047 have been noted and recorded. I would like to update you on their current status.

**1331 Lincoln Street**— This house has been abated per the Health Department.

**1327 Lincoln Street**— The owner has complied with some of the requirements. However, they have not complied with all of the requirements, so they will continue to be monitored by the Health Department and the Service Department. These departments will be reporting progress back to my office.

**1225 Albert Street**— Recently our Service Department was at this location and had begun working on the lawn and ivy on the house. While they were working, a representative of Sharon Carr Realty stopped and told our employees that the house now belongs to them and that they would be handling the code violations. As of this date, Sharon Carr Realty has done a great deal of work on the property and will continue to work toward abatement. Our Service Department will be monitoring progress.

As you are aware, complaints must pass through a strict legal process before we are able to have our Service Department do the work necessary to abate the property. You may want to note that in June and July alone, our Service Department received 96 complaints, sent 65 warning letters, and cut 36 yards. In the same time period, the Health Department received and investigated 146 housing, garbage and/or solid waste complaints, issued 13 citations and sent 32 warning letters. We will continue to work toward abatement of complaints in the most efficient manner possible.

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

Respectfully,

James D. Kalb, Mayor  
City of Portsmouth

cc: Chris Murphy, Public Service Director  
Chris Smith, Environmental Service Director

