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March 26, 2009

Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Councilman
1705 Franklin Blvd.
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

RE: 1652 Logan Street

Councilman Mollette,

This letter is in regards to your request to place 1652 Logan Street on the list for foreclosure through the Land Reutilization Program. In August of 2008, I spoke with Mr. McDowell of 1648 Logan Street to resolve the issues of noxious weeds, vines, etc. During this meeting, Mr. McDowell expressed his desire and attempts to purchase the vacant lot without success. The property was investigated and found to be a candidate for the Land Reutilization Program. Also, work orders were sent on two separate occasions (August 19, 2008 and September 4, 2008) to the Service Department for abatement of high weeds and brush. Unfortunately, this property was not brought to the committee's attention until after the first 10 test cases had been established and sent to the County Prosecutor's Office for foreclosure.

On March 17, 2009, the Land Reutilization Committee approved twenty (20) certified tax delinquent properties to be sent to the prosecutor's office for foreclosure. Among those properties, 1652 Logan was voted upon and approved to undergo foreclosure. Regrettably, I must report that this procedure can take anywhere from 2 to 5 months. Until that time, I will submit this property as a complaint to Sheri Fischer, Assistant Director of the Service Department for proper abatement and long term maintenance.

For your records, I have enclosed the list of the approved properties that are being sent to the prosecutor and also the memo sent to the Service Department for abatement and maintenance. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Steele, S.I.T.
Environmental Division

Cc: Peggy Burton, Health Commissioner
Chris Smith, Environmental Director
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Foreclosure List – March 17, 2009

1. 1748 12th Street
2. 1512 4th Street
3. 2214 7th Street (vacant lot)
4. 2327 Grant Street
5. 1324 Kinney Street (vacant lot)
6. 1136 10th Street
7. 1305 Armstrong Place (vacant lot)
8. 2203 Mabert Road
9. 5415 Harrison Avenue
10. 5534 Wilson Street
11. 1652 Logan Street (vacant lot)
12. 1634 8th Street
13. 819 Court Street
14. 2105 Argonne Road
15. 2116 Charles
16. 1531 3rd Street
17. 2107 Scioto Trail
18. 817 Spring Street (2 parcels)
19. 1537 Robinson Avenue
20. 4241 Sterling Avenue

Memo

To: Sheri Fischer, Service Department Assistant Director

From: Rebecca Steele, Health Department, Environmental Division

Date: 3/26/2009

Re: Grass/Weed Abatement

PS

A complaint has been filed with our department by Councilman Mollette for high grass/weeds at the following address. The said address is an ongoing nuisance problem and in the process of being foreclosed upon through the Land Reutilization Program. Due to the inability to contact the owners, I am requesting a work order for your department to abate the high weeds, grass, and brush situation and adhere to regular maintenance until further notice. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

1652 Logan Street – (vacant lot)

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