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October 19, 2009

Bob Mollette
3rd Ward Councilman
728 Second Street
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Re: Your Correspondence 09-025, dated October 14, 2009
Layton Drive/Roosevelt School site

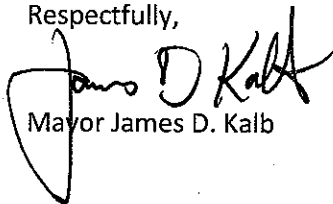
Dear Mr. Mollette;

This is a follow up to the information you were given when you delivered your letter regarding bushes and tree limbs on the former Roosevelt school site which are growing onto private property on Layton Drive.

When we received the complaint from a resident of Layton Drive (September 29, 2009), the following day, our Code Enforcement Officer viewed the area and talked with the school district concerning this issue. The School District has assured us they will remove any bushes and/or tree limbs that are encroaching onto Layton Drive private property. Our Code Officer talked again today with the District and was informed the work will be on their schedule as soon as possible.

We do not want our citizens to feel that their city government does not care or is dysfunctional as you state in your correspondence, so I would suggest that in the future, you may want to simply give my office a phone call and we can quickly answer your questions. This may save time for you to respond to your ward constituents.

Respectfully,



Mayor James D. Kalb

cc: Mr. David Killen/Layton Drive

Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Storey