

August 30, 2017

Charlotte City Council  
City of Charlotte  
111 E. Lawrence  
Charlotte, MI 48813

RE: September 11, 2017 City Council Meeting

SUBJECT: Lack of Code Enforcement at 615 Pleasant St.

Dear Charlotte City Council:

In late May 2017, I reported property code violations (junk) at 615 Pleasant Street to your enforcement officials. On June 8, I spoke on the phone with Lt. Chris Sloan after I emailed photos of this situation to him. He agreed that my complaint had merit and corrective action was needed. Later in July 2017, I emailed Mr. Sloan to inquire on the status of this matter. He answered, saying that nothing was going to be done about this and the case was closed.

I am requesting to appeal Mr. Sloan's decision or receive a second opinion from another city official. 615 Pleasant St is an adjoining property to 414 E Shaw, which I am currently trying to sell. When a person owns a property for 32 years and pays \$1700 a year in property taxes, code enforcement is a basic service for local government to provide its citizens.

I am including the three photos in this letter that were emailed with the original complaint.

This situation is a quality of life issue that would not be tolerated in the upscale, elite subdivisions such as Greenwood Terrace or Sandstone Estates. It should not be allowed in any part of the city. This is obviously a case of selective enforcement.

Drive down any street in Charlotte, it is very apparent that a full time, dedicated employee for code enforcement is needed. Your current system of this being a secondary responsibility of an existing employee is not getting the job done. Also, city employees should be required to cooperate with all news media, such as WILX TV-10.

Why is it always a hassle when dealing with Charlotte City Hall?

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter and I look forward to your reply. .

Sincerely,



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