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**Sent:** Thu 4/15/2010 1:18 PM  
**To:** Martinson Patti  
**Subject:** Re: City ordinance for yard care

**Patty,**

I appreciate any help you can give us. The Realtor did call me back. She stated that the Bank has a national contract that would be assigned to this house for maintenance within the next week. Sure hope to see something happen. I still think that Rapid City should have more ordinances that can be enforced to protect our neighborhoods from this type of blight.

Thank you for your assistance,  
Shirley Rising

On Wed, Apr 14, 2010 at 4:24 PM, Martinson Patti <Patti.Martinson@rcgov.org> wrote:

**Shirley.**

I have forwarded your concerns to the Mayor as well as to my fellow councilmember, Ron Weifenbach. We can certainly look into the city ordinances so we can see where we could make changes to deal with situations like your neighbor.

I would be happy to visit you and see the problem for myself.

**Patti**

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**From:** 0461@medicineshoppe.com [mailto:0461@medicineshoppe.com]

**Sent:** Wed 4/14/2010 4:08 PM

**To:** Martinson Patti

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**Patty,**

We have experienced problems with our neighbors yard care and have become frustrated with the lack of city codes or ordinances for enforcement. It is terribly frustrating to see the value of our homes decline because of lack of care to our neighbor's property. The home at 336 East liberty is in 'Redemption' or foreclosure. The yard has Christmas lights, tires and garbage as well as weeds and

leaves all over the yard. After contacting the Listed Realtor I was told that the home would not be for sale for 4 more months and she was unsure whose responsibility it was for yard clean-up. When I called City enforcement they stated they could only go out if there was growth over 12 inches and then they (whoever is responsible) had 2 weeks to cut the grass. This is the only ordinance available.

1. Do you have any other suggestions on how to remedy this problem and have someone be responsible?

2. Will you please consider introducing a new ordinance for a 'standard of care' for properties in Rapid City?

Thank you for your consideration.

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