



CITY OF RAPID CITY

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701-2724

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-Courtesy Note-

June 28, 2005

LF071305-01

Christine A. Bonawitz
801 Holcomb Avenue
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Property located at 801 Holcomb Avenue, legally described as Lots 14-16, Block 2, North Rapid Subdivision

Dear Christine A. Bonawitz:

City of Rapid City personnel have performed inspection(s) of the property referenced above, and have observed residents living in recreational vehicle(s) on the property. This is not in accordance with the Rapid City Municipal Code. The city requests your cooperation in eliminating this non-complaint condition.

Rapid City Municipal Code §17.50.280, *Storage and Parking of Trailers and Commercial Vehicles*, states the following:

A1. Stall Location. All *recreational* vehicles, travel trailers and hauling trailers shall be parked or stored behind front yard setback line(s) when they are to remain stationary for more than seventy-two hours. The *vehicle(s)* and trailer(s), when combined with the principal and accessory buildings, shall not occupy more of the lot than allowed for under the district lot coverage provisions. Further, **vehicle and/or trailer parking/storage pads shall be graveled or hard surfaced to eliminate dust, mud or weeds.** Vehicles which are to remain stationary for more than seventy-two hours shall not serve as temporary or permanent sleeping quarters for any person.

The City of Rapid City requests your cooperation in achieving code compliance. The City will inspect your property again on July 12, 2005. If compliance is not achieved by that time, this issue will be reviewed by, and any required action will be taken by the City Attorney's Office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please call with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tom Kurtenbach
Ordinance Officer



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Jason Green
City Attorney
300 6th St
Rapid City, SD



801 Holcomb Ave.
Rapid City, SD
June 27, 2005

Dear Sir;

Yesterday we were informed by Tom, Ordinance Officer for North Rapid, that someone complained regarding the fact that we have our 5th Wheel RV parked in the garden a 801 Holcomb Ave.

The person who complained was not a person living in this area. The folks around us are our friends and relatives, and were informed and knew that we were coming 'home' to visit. The person that complained was Allen Geske, our niece's husband, who lived in the house here until last winter, and who our niece, Christine Geske is in the process of divorcing. He caused lots of problems for us last summer, when we were parked here, off and on for a couple of months, and is causing lots of problems and has been harrassing our niece and her daughter now. He has court orders to stay away, but does not do this!

Just a little history. My husband and I are from this area. He went to high school in Rapid City and I graduated from New Underwood and attended college here. He joined the Navy in 1944 and spend 30 years, during three wars, before retiring and coming back here. The main reason we came home to Rapid City, was that my Mother had lost her home (and almost her life) during the big flood. She was living at 101 E. New York St. We were stationed in Thailand at the time. My husband was the Naval Advisor to the Royal Thai Navy. We helped her buy this home at 801 Holcomb Ave, and we purchased a home a couple of blocks away at 814 Blaine Ave.

My sister Betty Bonawitz and I had a business "Forever Yours Bridel Village' near by. When we sold it, my husband and I started traveling South for the winters in our RV. When my mother, Stella Bausch passed away in 1990, we sold the home here to our niece Christine. Six years ago, we sold our home on Blaine Ave, and received permission to put an RV hook up in the garden at Holcomb Ave. so we could come home for a couple of months in the summer.

We both get our yearly doctor checkups here during the summer. And for ten years we were Superintendents for the Photography Division at the Central States Fair. Last year we turned it over to someone else, but plan on spending a lot of time helping again this year.

We would appreciate it very much if you could help us with this situation. We know the rules regarding not living in an RV on your property. Does this apply also to visiting? Our children who live on the East Coast, and also on the West Coast are coming to Rapid tomorrow. They will be staying at the Holiday Inn for a few days. Then we will all be going to a family reunion in the Hills over the 4th of July. We have asked our children , grand children, and relatives around us, to join us for dinner tomorrow night here in "Grandma's Garden". We hope you will give us permission to do this.

We can stay at the Hart Ranch, but the driving back and forth is time consuming, especially at Fair time. Please let us know what we can or can not do.
Thank you very much.

Edward and Arlene Holcomb, 520 720 9329

E. Holcomb & Arlene Holcomb
PS: We have just been informed that Edward has been called to Jury Duty, the Month of August!!