



CITY OF RAPID CITY

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701-2724

Code Enforcement
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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



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



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

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

801 Holcomb Ave
Rapid City, SD
July 7, 2005

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

Dear Sir:

This is a followup to the letter we gave you on June 27, regarding our RV parked temporarily in "Grandma's Garden" at the above address. We were only parked here one day, June 27th, when Tom Kurtenbach informed us that he had received a complaint about us parking here. In my other letter we explained why and who complained.

We left on June 29th until yesterday, July 6th, when Christine gave us the letter from Tom Kurtenbach. We have a question. Is it not possible to have an exception to a Code, when there are special circumstances? Like when relatives are visiting relatives, and park in an empty area on their property?

As past members of the North Rapid Civic Association, we remember discussing problems like this. We were all against people renting trailers or RV's on personal properties. We don't remember anyone complaining about visitors.

We are proud to tell people we are from Rapid City. We still contribute here where ever possible, like helping at the Central States Fair. If we are unable to park here, we will no longer make appointments with our Doctors here, or help at the Fair. Instead, we will have to do all of our business in Benson, AZ where we have a home now. Our kids will have to visit us there, instead of coming 'home' where they attended some schools, after we retired.

How does one get out of Jury duty? Edward has been called during the month of August. After having served in the Navy for over 30 years, during 3 wars, he was proud to have been called.

My children and I stayed with family in Rapid City a number of times, while Edward was out to sea for 6 months at a time.

Sorry about going on and on. We have loved coming 'home' to Rapid City for a couple of months during the summer, but it would not be the same if we have to stay out of town.

Sincerely,
Ed + Arlene Holcomb
Edward and Arlene Holcomb

DEAR NEIGHBORS, RELATIVES, & FRIENDS LIVING
NEAR 801 HOLCOMB AVE

WE, EDWARD & ARLENE HOLCOMB, HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE CITY,
THAT WE CAN NO LONGER PARK OUR RV IN THE VACANT GARDEN
AREA AT THIS ADDRESS. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE HOME
WE HELPED MY MOTHER PURCHASE, AFTER SHE LOST HER HOME
(AND ALMOST HER LIFE) IN THE BIG FLOOD. WE WERE STATIONED
IN THAILAND AT THAT TIME.

IN 1999, WE SOLD THIS PLACE TO OUR NIECE, CHRISTINE GESKE.

CHRISTINE'S HUSBAND ALLEN, (WHO SHE IS DIVORCING) COMPLAINED
TO THE ORDINANCE OFFICER THE DAY WE CAME BACK
TO RAPID CITY THEREFORE, THE CITY HAD TO INFORM US THAT WE
WERE IN VIOLATION OF A MUNICIPAL CODE AND THAT WE HAD TO
MOVE.

WE ARE GOING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL JULY 13TH, TO SEE IF WE
CAN CONTINUE TO STAY HERE, THROUGH AUGUST, SO WE CAN HELP
AT THE FAIR, AND EDWARD CAN DO JURY DUTY..

IF YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH US PARKING HERE, PLEASE SIGN
BELOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Betty Bonawitz
Robert Bonawitz

Jack King 802 Halley

Carlene Edner 806 Halley

Shirley Wells 818 Halley

Dan & Shelley Link 820 Halley

Josie Wells 101 Van Buren

Jonathon Wells 101 VAN BUREN

Ray Richman 825 Halley Ave

Jerry A. Gray 821 Halley Ave

Betty V. Wells 817 Halley Ave

Lucia Lewton 817 Halley Ave

Art Anderson 810 Blaine Ave.

Calvin Van Ornam 814 Blaine Ave

Robert Corrin 35 Van Bore

Kathy Corrin 35 Van Be

Trinity Cottler 814 Halley Ave

Donna Miller 729 St

Robert & Elizabeth Schlotman
807 Holcomb Ave. RC

Jessi Grant 812 Blaine Ave
 Mykna Clough 802 Blaine Ave
 Helen Millslagh 828 Blaine Ave
 Yogi Millslagh 828 Blaine Ave
 Edwin Gibson 805 BLAINE AVE
 Linda McMahon 805 Blaine Ave
 Jy Miller 728 Blaine Ave

Patricia Kulhavy 803 Halley Avenue

Ed & Arlene are quality people who NEVER bother anybody when they come for a few weeks in the summer. Shame on the person who complained.

Christine Geste 801 Holcomb Ave
 Melissa Gunderson

Kather Zunsford

Earl & Mathiesen 731 Halley Ave

Julie ~~Seck~~ 1008 Blaine Ave.

April D. Mahoney 722 Halley Ave
 Ann J. Lee 714 Holcomb Ave

Tami Jechell 801 1/2 N Maple

Norma J. Shaw

Theresa Christensen 110 E Van Buren

Evangelina John 870 Holcomb

Steve March 824 Blaine Ave RC # 5770

Doug Johnson 806 Blaine Ave.
 Natami Lewis 728 Halley av.

