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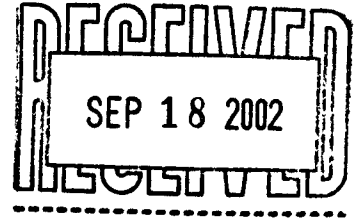
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Chris Monzel, City Council
City Hall
801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Re: 417 East Seventh Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Mr. Monzel:

Our firm represents Henry Rollman III and Raymond B. Fine, who are the owners of the above referenced property. Located on the property is an old office building that has been partially converted to an indoor parking garage. The balance of the property serves as an outdoor parking lot. The building has a stairwell that goes from the street level to the top floor. The stairwell can be accessed through a door which opens onto the sidewalk at the side of the building.

Homeless people have discovered the unlocked door and are using the stairwell and garage as a resting place and public restroom. The stench is horrific and is driving away potential customers for the parking spaces. Also, cars parked on the street in front of the building have been broken into on numerous occasions.

Since my clients cannot lock the door to the street, they must either confront these individuals or call the police. As you are well aware, many of the street people carry weapons for protection and my clients' employees are ill-equipped to deal with them. Our only recourse, therefore, is the Cincinnati Police Department.

My clients' employees have contacted the Cincinnati Police Department (presumably District One) many, many times, but the response has been totally inadequate for a number of reasons. First, many of the homeless people using the stairwell as a restroom live under the bridge across the street. This is known to the police, yet, no concerted effort has been made to dislodge these people from their unlawful proximity to the building. Second, when the police have come to remove persons from the stairwell, they have refused to arrest them. As soon as the police leave, the homeless people return.

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This is a serious problem for my clients who are attempting to provide safe and needed parking spaces for the people who work in downtown Cincinnati. We need the Cincinnati Police Department to make a more concerted and coordinated effort to deal with and deter those who would trespass on my clients' property and endanger the public. I would appreciate it if someone would contact me so that a meeting can be arranged between someone in your department and my clients in order to arrive at a viable solution to this problem. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric C. Holzapfel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "E".

Eric C. Holzapfel

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