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Thanks,

Victor Schock

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Victor Schock

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Case # PU-19-113

Dear Sir;

Firstly, I did not receive your letter in the mail and was unaware of this complaint until you called my son.

Secondly, this is my issue, not Dakota Services as Julie Bancroft addressed the issue to. Since I am the registered property owner, it is curious why she choose not to address the complaint to me.

In response to the complaint filed by Julie Bancroft, let me say without boring you with all the occasions and circumstances, there has been a personal vendetta on her part to to selectively keep me from operating business on my property for the past 3 years. Instead of a city official being helpful and to serve all in the community, she has missed no opportunity to shut me down for both minute infractions; an unlicensed vehicle that actually was licensed, a Stop Work Order for putting a window in without a maintenance permit, a stop work order for

putting a handrail and re-staining a deck, and numerous others. Most recently, 3 Stop Work Orders with no explanation as to the reasons.

Your call was the first I knew about this.

I do understand they do not want a trucking company working out of the area. It is their "Frontage" street. Even though it is listed as a "Permitted Use". We have been cited several times for things and issues like lumber and a trailer or RV or vehicle that was not moved for more than 30 days. Even some empty tote containers out back unseen from the frontage road, that Julie called the EPA and the inspector came out and determined there was no violation.

In an attempt to get along, we gave the fuel totes to a business two blocks down, who just happens to be a council member, and they are OK in his back yard. We have been cited for "rubbish" which is stacked lumber. Other rubbish include stacked semi-tires. We asked to build a storage shed to enclose and was told no. "No incidental Buildings." Even though the store has one, one block west.

We were cited by the Code Enforcement Officer two years ago that our vehicles, equipment and materials were backed to far up and encroached an utility easement. We moved them . To this day you can see vehicles and Rv's, un-licensed, 2 blocks west, backed up into the easement.

Julie Bancroft has repeatedly said we can not do ANYTHING with the property because of violations. Can not open the Coffee Shop, can not live in the trailer that has been continually occupied. Yet even after recent 2-3 months of current e-mails requesting specifics and clarifications so that we can remedy, I am only told, "YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD BEFORE!" I have yet to receive any current paperwork that they are willing to put down in writing. I believe it's because they know a lawsuit against the city is coming.

Here's the gossip part: three years prior, Ray Close was appointed a job that Julie's husband had been doing working in the town of Arnegard. There where were words. Julie by her own confession, believed Ray called her a name. Ray swears he did not.

I feel I have been selectively persecuted and harassed.

In response to the complaint, there was no excavation.

The little coffee shack is set on beams and pillars and had settled. My son scratched away maybe 4" to be able to shim the building up. The pictures clearly show this. The building is level now. There was no sewer pipe installed.

Being one block away from city hall, if there was legitimate concern of any utility damage, a reasonable person would ask, "Why did not a city official or worker, who all know each other by first names, just walk up and ask, What do you have going on."

The call center records will show there was a Locate called in back in late January. There was also a locate called in when the coffee shop was set 3 years ago. Everybody knows there are no utilities in the location. I was unaware of the notices and updated requirements that I am now aware of.

There has been more, and I've tried to hold back.

Respectfully,

Muriel Close

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