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Winnipeg MB R3M 1K2
September 15, 2003

Standing Policy Committee on
Protection and Community Services
Community Services Department
City of Winnipeg

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Attention: Committee Chairperson
Re: Appeal of Anti-Litter Order

Dear Committee Members,

We received an Anti-Litter Order under Anti-Litter Bylaw 1075/75.

Thank you for informing us that there was a complaint received about our yard. First of all, I want you to know that we are intending and attempting to comply by the Compliance Date of October 15, 2003.

As I understand your process, the deadline for any appeal is September 15, whereas we will not be able to determine whether compliance has been achieved to the satisfaction of all parties until October 15, 2003. Therefore I am forwarding my appeal today.

The parts of the Order that I am appealing are:

(1) Calling our belongings "litter". While recently articles may have been stored in an unsightly manner, with few exceptions the objects are either in current use, materials for projects or hobbies of my husband, or good re-usable or recyclable items and do not fall within the definitions set forth in the Anti-Litter Bylaw. We clear up our yard of any refuse before almost every garbage day and the lawn is kept mowed in a timely manner.

(2)We may have to request more time. With the best will in the world, we may not have been able to comply by the deadline set by you. My husband, who is doing the vast majority of the physical labour involved, is a very industrious person and does not procrastinate. However he had thought that he had his whole retirement stretching before him in which to pace himself to complete the home handiman and bicycle projects he had set himself. He must now attempt to achieve this by October 15th, 2003. The Committee should know that this is a man who is not making any excuses on these grounds , and it is his wife informing you that in addition to your Order, my husband maintains his elderly mother's home and yard in another part of town, and must take time away from working on 801 Fleet to attend specialist appointments related to life-threatening illness, and physiotherapy for a pinched nerve as diagnosed by a doctor at Pan Am Clinic.

(3)If it be the decision of the Committee to have remedial work carried out, my appeal is that materials useful to my husband and potentially to others not be put into the waste stream and that we not be taxed to pay for such actions that go so thoroughly against Laurie's principles. Rather that reparation be that he be required to give courses in bicycle and lawn mower repair and maintenance at a community club or high school, and that re-usable items be donated to charities.

In closing I encourage the Committee to consider the Neighbourhood Safety value of a person who is active and visible in his yard most days and interacting in a friendly way with passing neighbours, loaning tools and lending his expertise. There is more than one positive aspect to the repair and recycling activities that happen in our yard.

Yours truly,

Rosemarey Akroft

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Re: Anti litter order – 801 Fleet Ave, dated 26 Aug, 2003.

I am appealing the order to "clear up all litter" in that much of what I have around the house is not litter. It is "feature projects".

Article 3.2 of the bylaw prohibits the accumulated litter from being unsightly. The bylaw attempts to define litter but who defines what is unsightly?

The health inspector who visited said I had too much stuff. True, I do have a lot of stuff. But when does stuff become litter?

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