

Nome Municipal Code Violation Report for property

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Physical Address of Violation: Lot 4A, Flat Creek Subdivision, Plat 85-7 (on Lester Bench Road). This is a residential area, not zoned commercially.

Description of Violation: The City of Nome, as of October 2015, has allowed Kim Newsome to use this lot as a junk storage area. I filed a complaint about this issue in November 2015 because at the time, the junk cars, trailer, and mining equipment were also dumped on our adjoining property. This problem was remedied, however the zoning violation still remains after SEVEN YEARS.

Currently, the City has allowed Mr. Newsome to store approximately 12+ vehicles, 11 snowmachines and atv's, 3 boats, 40+ tires, several vehicle engines, refrigerators, stoves, bicycles, and other paraphernalia, none of which I believe are operational. Every year I have asked Mr. Newsome when he will be moving these items, as he has told me he has a place to move them to as of three years ago. Each time he tells me that he is moving them, but this has not happened, nor is it in the process of happening as evidenced by photographs I have taken.

Besides being an eyesore and public nuisance to the neighborhood, most of the vehicles are rusty and I am assuming contain oil and gasoline, which could leach into the nearby wetland pond.

In addition to all the junk, there is a remaining trailer that is owned by someone (not Kim Newsome), who was supposed to move it off the property two summers ago. In order to access the interior of this trailer, a person has to trespass on our adjoining property. Also, in order to move the trailer, heavy equipment must access MY lot, potentially damaging my gravel pad. Most of all, this limits my ability to put my own property in this space or plant trees, etc. Again, the City worked with the previous owner of this trailer when it was moved, thereby allowing a lack of egress and continuous trespass on my property to happen.

I believe these violations are worthy of a priority level enforcement because:

1. The actions leading to the violation was deliberate and condoned by the City inspector at the time.
2. The property values of the neighborhood are affected.
3. I'm assuming the property owner, who is not the person that owns the junk, is receiving economic benefit from the lease of the property for Kim Newsome's junk.
4. The City allowed this to happen in 2015, when I made the first complaint. Therefore the City should be helping our neighborhood to remedy the issue as soon as possible.

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