

Darrel Hess
Ombudsman
Municipality of Anchorage
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Via email: HessDW@muni.org

January 5, 2022

Dear Mr. Hess,

The Spenard Community Council requests that the Ombudsman investigate the failure of the Anchorage Municipality Office of Code Enforcement to abate and resolve a public nuisance on a private property (Legal description: Boettcher Track 3), which is within the Council's boundaries. Residents are concerned about a number of nuisance properties that have not received appropriate responses from Code Enforcement within the Spenard Community Council boundaries. These point to a pattern within Code Enforcement inaction to abate and resolve public nuisances within our community.

The public nuisance was first reported, to our knowledge, to the property owner at the end of June 2021 and to the municipality in mid-July 2021. A file was not opened until August 4, 2021 by Cora Weaver who is a Municipal code enforcement officer (Service Request # 209 829). Multiple attempts were made throughout the summer to contact the Code Enforcement office by our Assembly members, the Police Department, neighborhood residents and the President of our Community Council.

The public nuisance consists of multiple clusters of camps including junk vehicles, solid waste, and putrescible waste spread throughout the 10 acre parcel of vacant property, which abuts a public multi-use trail, Fish Creek, and the Northwood Park. The property owner and the property manager are aware of these concerns. Despite these efforts the property is still a health and safety hazard.

We ask for a timely response to our concerns and are happy to provide any further information if requested. We are asking for you to investigate and report promptly to the Spenard Community Council as to the prior lack of response and an update on the best route to effectively address our concerns. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Hajduk, SCC President, and
Members of the Executive Committee

Resolved, the 5th day of January 2022. Vote: 17 in favor, and 1 opposed.