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To whom it might concern:

I would like to describe a number of unfortunate events that led to the city cleanup in April.

My tenant moved out from 687 Charles Ave in Nov, 2020. After she left, I realized that she left me with a two story house and a two car garage full of Trash. My plan was to slowly dispose of all the trash while I was working remodeling the house. The trash pick up date is every Friday.

In addition to the trash my tenant left me with, people dump trash constantly in front of the garage at this particular block. This is not new but the city hasn't done anything to resolve this issue ever since I owned this house starting 2010. Because of disposing of my tenant trash and dealing with constant trash dump, I talked to inspector Mr Willams about the situation in the beginning of 2021. I asked him the best time to check on the property is after Friday trash pickup. Otherwise, there might be bulky items in front of the garage waiting to be picked up, or trash dumped by other people.

On March 31st, I came to my property and tried to count the number of mattresses that I needed to have the Republic service to pick up on Friday. I only found that people dumped a refrigerator, two mattresses and kid's furniture in front of my garage. I was rather unhappy and snapped a picture to send it to my partner. Since I knew the city would do nothing about the dumping, I simply asked the Republic services to pick up all the Thirteen mattresses that day.

After the garbage along with the mattresses picked up on Friday, April 2nd. I came to Charles on Saturday and Sunday to prepare more trash for the following week. I filled two garbage containers full of trash. On Monday April 5th, I came back to Charles and only to find that the two trash cans I prepared during the weekend were upside down and all the contents were scattered around. Clearly, I was not happy and snapped another two pictures for my partner to see. I put the garbage back into the can. On April 7th, when I came back to Charles, to my biggest surprise, someone emptied my trash can before the trash day, which left me absolutely confused.

In a parallel universe, Inspector Williams inspected the property on March 31st and saw a bunch of mattresses and trash in front of the garage. The littered trash doesn't belong to me but because of dumping. He sent out a letter and indicated that he wanted to check on Monday April 5th instead of right after trash picking up day as I requested. Ideally, on Monday April 5th, he should have seen that all the mattresses and the littered trash are completely gone but only two garbage cans filled with garbage. Unfortunately, because someone dumped all the content out the two garbage cans, he thought the property was not cleaned up. Therefore, he called for a clean up crew. When the clean up crew showed up, when they saw nothing needed to be cleaned up, instead of leaving, they cleaned up my garbage can.

I will describe the whole situation as a very unfortunate event. I didn't receive the letter from Inspector Williams on time since I just moved and all the mails needed to be forwarded. The situation can be solved if I called Inspector Williams and asked him to inspect after trash pickup day instead of any random day because one can never avoid illegal activities at this block. However, what made me particularly feel unjustified was all the criminal activities have been unpunished around this block. For example, why did people dump all the contents of my garbage out? Why does the city put all the

burden of safely guiding one's property completely on the property owner? This type of unfortunate event will happen if the city allows the crime to go unchecked. I had experienced illegal dumping back in 2010. My tenants have repeatedly complained about illegal dumping the past 5 years. Right now, all the adjacent neighbours have complained to me about what they have suffered from the illegal dumping. Since I didn't live there, I didn't know how bad the situation was. The whole illegal activity in this house completely caught me off guard. By the time I've slowly learned how to deal with it, I lost several video footage because of a crushed harddisk. Of course, I will keep reporting to let the city be aware of the statistics, but I wanted to mention that as a citizen, we are not supposed to be equipped with all the necessary tools to deter crime such as stealing, dumping, and destroying cameras

In short, I have been a very responsible property owner ever since I took over the property from my tenants since Nov 2020. I don't think I should be fined for dealing with the work that should be taken care of by the city in the first place. Therefore, please eliminate the fine incurred after Nov 2020.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,

Yan