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**VIA EMAIL**

Candice D. Reid, City Clerk  
City of Richmond  
Email: [CityClerksOffice@richmondgov.com](mailto:CityClerksOffice@richmondgov.com)

Re: My Client: David Williams  
Property Address: 1201 Porter Street

Dear Ms. Reid:

I represent David Williams with regard to pending actions by the City of Richmond regarding the real property and improvements located at 1201 Porter Street in the City of Richmond (the "Property"). It is my understanding that the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee will be considering an action on the Property in their meeting at 1:00pm today. Please read this correspondence into the record and make it a formal part thereof.

It is my client's position that he was not provided proper notice as required by Virginia Code §36-27(B). Specifically, it is my understanding from emails between Mr. Olinger and Ms. Coward on or about March 2, 2020, that the City sent correspondence to my client using an erroneous zip code.

There was some confusion at the May 4, 2020, spot blight hearing when Ms. Coward testified that my client proposed an 18 month work plan. The work plan she referenced was for a full renovation of the Property pursuant to the derelict building program. It was not a spot blight abatement plan. My client did not submit a spot blight abatement plan because he was never properly notified of the spot blight action as stated above. However, my client is willing and able to abate the blight within 6 months and subsequently renovate the Property in conjunction with the appropriate authorities in order to bring it into compliance with the City code. I respectfully request that this matter be stayed and that my client be given 30 days to propose an acceptable spot blight abatement plan, which he understands should be completed within 6 months.

Very truly yours,

  
A. Blake Gayle

cc: Neil R. Gibson, Esq. (via email)