Dear Neighbor,

Please let me introduce myself. I am Marc Ellis, the Town of Butte Falls' new code enforcement officer. At times in a mass mailing it is difficult to be in sync with everybody. I hope I come across genuinely and sincerely and not cause too much of a stir. All I can do is say things as honest and straight as I can. There are many ordinances at City Hall should you desire to study them. One of most concern and guidance to all residents and properties is the Nuisance Ordinance, #1.1a, amendment (2). Please stop by City Hall and request a copy if you are interested in learning what it is about. The bottom line: I would be willing to bet each of you would desire a cleaner more attractive community surrounding your parcel or castle in this town. I have been hired, for lack of better terms; to enforce rules and regulations as set forth in ordinances. I know no one likes to be told what to do, so I am asking: please help me, your neighbor and yourself in following the codes in the enclosed ordinance. Most notable are: Sections 1; Parts C and H of the ordinance.

My perspective, and please bear with me when I say: the Nuisance Ordinance is one of the main covenants, or contracts if you will, that all property owners have agreed to. Some unknowingly agree by default, others by personal knowledge. Some may not agree and some individuals may not have ever viewed ordinances in the way of being a covenant or contract. However, I present to you: that is what they are.

Ordinances viewed as a covenant or contract; or even as "the Town's rules", suggests when a person chooses to live inside the incorporated limits, each individual should be expected to abide by those ordinances. The expectation of 'following the rules' is what should keep the esthetic value of our neighborhoods as they should be: neat, clean, tidy and just generally in a state that presents an attractive appearance, not an attractive nuisance.

Many of us have gotten away from the concept of keeping our properties in conformance with the ordinances. That is where the position of a code enforcement officer comes in. I would hope that neighbors would talk and work with one another to keep all neighborhoods presentable. I would desire to work with individuals and not against them when performing duties of my position. I would love not having to issue warnings or citations.

I would entertain conversations and your ideas over innuendo and gossip, so if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me through City Hall at: 541-865-3262.

I am also looking for a list of volunteers for correcting conditions in town, on city property as well as properties that owners physically need assistance with. Next year I would like to clear all alley ways and get back to the required 20 foot access width required for emergency vehicle needs.

Regards,

Marc Ellis
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