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To: City Clerk

Reference: "Concerned Citizens of Anderson Homes" letter

Date: August 7, 2020

Please include the above reference letter in the Council's Agenda Package for the next August meeting. Many thanks !

BY: Juli Christel

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To: Oakdale City Council
Date: August 7, 2020
Subject: Wall Construction at 2325 Rainwood Drive

BY: Julie Christel

During the first week of February 2020, a six foot plus high concrete block wall enclosure was constructed in the front of the house at 2325 Rainwood Drive without the required City permits and inspections.

Some local residents contacted the City and several of the City officials came to the wall site that first week of February, 2020. Despite the City officials' visit, construction continued on Saturdays and Sundays through out February and the early weeks of March. No evidence of a "Stop Work" notice was posted nor a City "Building Permit" posted. Since the work was done on the wall on weekends, no City Inspectors or City Vehicles were seen at the site..The wall went up completely without inspections.

It did not take a City inspector to witness that the wall had no side and front yard setbacks as would be required by the City. The wall is constructed on the side yard with a zero setback thus requiring a property survey to verify the property line between the neighbors property and the site in question.

The wall as constructed without the required side and front setbacks present a traffic liability because of the limited sight distance on Rainwood Drive for occupants of 2313 backing out of the driveway onto Rainwood Drive.

This wall construction is being brought to the City's attention because it is a serious oversight on the part of City Officials who neglected to enforce City Building Codes.

During the intervening period from the first week of February to the present, residents of the area have called the City , only to get the response "It's in the hands of the City Attorney."

It is very disappointing to witness a sizeable construction project in a densely populated neighborhood be built without City Permits and Inspections. It establishes a very undesirable precedence.

Concerned Residents of Anderson Homes