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To the residents of the Village of Estral Beach:

Greetings:

As you may be aware, I am the attorney for the Village of Estral Beach. I have been working closely with your current Village Council to identify areas of concern within the Village. The Council is concerned with making the Village of Estral Beach an aesthetically pleasing and safe place to live. This, in turn, should act to stabilize or increase property values.

One area in particular which has been a constant source of complaint is blight. Blight can be generally thought of as an accumulation of garbage or trash on one's property. What makes this a particularly difficult and contentious issue to deal with is the old adage "One person's trash is another person's treasure." Consequently, it became necessary for the Village to adopt Ordinances defining what is legally defined as blight.

In this instance, the Village has adopted Ordinance 1019A, Adopted, May, 1989:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS TO LIMIT AND RESTRICT THE OUTDOORS STORAGE, PARKING OR REPAIR OR UNREASONABLE ACCUMULATION OF JUNK, UNUSED, PARTIALLY DISMANTLED OR NONOPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, OR NEW OR USED MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS, UPON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PREMISES WITHIN THE VILLAGE; TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING THE REPAIRING OF SAID VEHICLES; TO AVOID INJURY AND HAZARDS TO CHILDREN AND OTHERS ATTRACTED TO SUCH VEHICLES; TO PREVENT DEGRADATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT CAUSED BY SUCH VEHICLES; AND TO MINIMIZE THE DEVALUATION OF PROPERTY VALUES AND THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ILL EFFECTS OF THE PRESENCE OF SUCH VEHICLES AND PARTS UPON ADJOINING RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

The Village also adopted Ordinance 1024, Adopted: April, 1970. Among other things, this Ordinance defines blight as:

THE STORAGE OR ACCUMULATION OF JUNK, TRASH, RUBBISH OF ANY KIND, EXCEPT DOMESTIC REFUSE STORED IN SUCH A MANNER AS NOT TO CREATE A NUISANCE. THE TERM "JUNK" SHALL INCLUDE PARTS OF MACHINERY OR MOTOR VEHICLES, UNUSED STOVES OR OTHER APPLIANCES STORED IN THE OPEN, REMNANTS OF WOOD, METAL OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL OR OTHER CASTOFF MATERIAL OF ANY KIND WHETHER OR NOT SAME COULD BE PUT TO ANY REASONABLE USE.

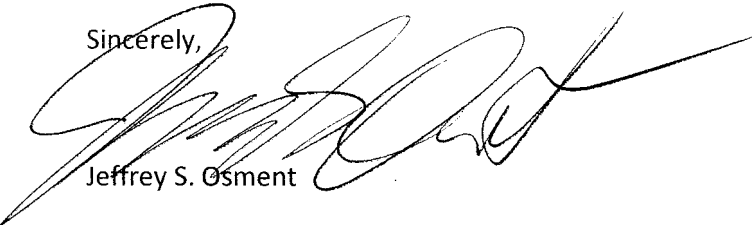
It is important to note that violation of each of these Ordinances is a Misdemeanor which could subject the violator to Fines and/ or a Jail sentence.

It is the sincere wish of the Village Council that each and every resident will do their best to comply with the aforementioned Ordinances. (Full versions of these Ordinances can be found on the Village of Estral Beach website.)

Please understand that the Village Council is not interested in creating undue hardship on any resident, but they have given me the duty of prosecuting violations of these Ordinances when necessary. That is why this letter is being sent to you. In the spring, the Village will begin actively pursuing blight violators with criminal prosecution. The Council will even begin looking to adopt a new blight Ordinance that is more streamlined and straightforward, but also carries more jail time for a violation.

Cooperation and compliance will mean that the Village of Estral Beach is a safer, more visually appealing community for the enjoyment of all residents. On behalf of the Village Council, I ask that you do your best to comply

Sincerely,



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