


REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Item No.: 12.b

Department Approval

City Manager Approval

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Item Description: **Community Development Department Request to Issue a Ramsey County Court Citation for Unresolved Violations of Roseville’s City Code at 1756 Chatsworth Street.**

1 **BACKGROUND**

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- 3 • The property is a single family home.
 - 4 • The current owner is Mr. David Battisto who lives at the property.
 - 5 • The City continues to receive complaints from a neighbor about an unfinished driveway that
6 does not have an approved hard surface installed (currently gravel). A hard surfaced driveway
7 was removed in about 2008 as part of a garage addition building permit. The garage was
8 finished, but not the driveway.
 - 9 • Current violations include:
 - 10 1. New driveway with a gravel surface:
 - 11 a) Violation of Roseville’s City Code, Section 703.04.B.7 which specifically requires residential
12 driveways to be hard surfaced with asphalt, concrete or pavers.
 - 13 • Because this is a violation of Section 703 of the City Code and not a public nuisance, the
14 abatement process for Public Nuisances in Section 407 is not an option. Therefore, the court
15 citation process is recommended in this case. It is anticipated that the court will require the
16 owner to complete the driveway and this will result in compliance.
 - A status update, including pictures, will be provided at the Council hearing.

17 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

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- 19 • Property maintenance through City abatement activities is a key tool to preserving high-quality
20 residential neighborhoods. Both Imagine Roseville 2025 and the City’s 2030 Comprehensive
21 Plan support property maintenance as a means by which to achieve neighborhood stability. The
22 Housing section of Imagine Roseville suggests that the City “implement programs to ensure
23 safe and well-maintained properties.” In addition, the Land Use chapter (Chapter 3) and the
24 Housing and Neighborhoods chapter (Chapter 6) of the Comprehensive Plan support the City’s
25 efforts to maintain livability of the City’s residential neighborhoods with specific policies
26 related to property maintenance and code compliance. Policy 6.1 of Chapter 3 states that the
27 City should promote maintenance and reinvestment in housing and Policy 2.6 of Chapter 6
28 guides the City to use code-compliance activities as one method to prevent neighborhood
decline.

29 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

- 30 • The City Code violation at 1756 Chatsworth Street could negatively impact the property values
31 of the surrounding properties.
- 32 • The issuance of a Ramsey County Court Citation would involve no monetary outlays by the
33 City as the prosecuting attorney handles these cases as part of their contract.

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35 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

- 36 • Staff recommends that the Council direct Community Development staff to issue a Ramsey
37 County Court Citation to Mr. David Battisto for violation of Roseville’s City Code at 1756
38 Chatsworth Street.

39 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

- 40 • Direct Community Development staff to issue a Ramsey County Court Citation to Mr. David
41 Battisto for violation of Roseville’s City Code Section 703.04.B.7 at 1756 Chatsworth Street.

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Attachments: A: Map of 1756 Chatsworth Street

1756 Chatsworth St N



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Site Location
 LR / R1 Comp Plan / Zoning Designations

Data Sources
 * Ramsey County GIS Base Map (7/1/2010)
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