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To the mayor and board of aldermen

I've been in construction since the 1970s a union carpenter I was a St. Louis County building inspector for almost 18 years I also was inspector for the city of Webster and the city of Olivett. **Before I retire My job was code enforcement footings and foundations framing electrical mechanical and plumbing . Inspecting the houses from the ground up and the land and elevations where they were built.**

My name is Mark Oliver BuMiller I've been a resident of Frontenac since 1973 I live in the original farmhouse in West in the park that was plotted in 1893 my house was existing. I have been making upgrades and a remodel since that time. I immediately had water problems since the road was installed higher than my sub-floor and is only 5 foot from my structure. I went to the building commissioner at the time Don Roulfing and he met me at my property he gave me permission to build a patio out into the road easement to control the water flow from the street and keep it from running into my crawlspace it was the simplest way to address the issue without going to court.

I want to point out that I have no property to the North or West which clearly shows the house was here when the neighborhood was plotted because nowhere would any political subdivision such as the county or the city of Frontenac would allow you to build a house on two property lines.

I've been having issues with the resident that now owns the property to my west for quite some time. Over two years ago when John Morgan was the building inspector they were written a violation and instructed to remove an illegal tool shed built with no permit with a raised floor because it was on the property line and blocking the water run off in violation of Frontenac codes that has still not happened. The fence that was erected East to West between the houses is buried in the ground it prevents the water from going where it's been going since before my house was ever built it creates hydrostatic pressure which causes the water problems my neighbors experience they have added to the situation by putting up fencing in the ground and raising the elevation which is directed the water back uphill onto my property. David and Joyce Bauer David descendent of the original landowners also had water issues when the house was built which we improved together. That has all been changed by the current owner. The fence line running north to south on the property line now has a berm on their side which prevents water from going downhill as it always has onto that property . Last year when AT&T ran their cables on Savannah she raised the ground level up above the street on the downhill side it has metal flashing 14 inch wide several feet long and standing on its side with big boulders behind it to prevent the water flow that comes out of the sky from draining to the south as it always has. Until this spring. I have pictures. All the water from her front yard is not only being forced in my direction but the hydraulic pressure

from this water not being able to flow now has water pushing under my crawlspace again. I had the mayor and the city administrator over here and they were going to pass it on the legal early this spring. Well that's what I was told over two years ago when John Morgan wrote up the illegal tool shed built on the property line against Frontenac codes.

Now they're getting a survey done to reinstall the fence they put in 20 years ago that was done with no permit and when the city caught them they made them get a permit and approved it as is. Frontenac codes state all streets shall be considered fronts the existing fence at princess and Arthur completely blocks your view around the corner it is 5 feet tall on one street and 6 feet tall on the other which is a life safety issue at the corner of Savannah and princess the vegetation blocks that line of site as well and is in the road easement also if all street shall be considered fronts Frontenac code says a fence on a road front should only be 18 inches high.

I want to point out a couple things everything that has been done at 10484 Savannah has been done with no permits the pool was filled in which made that elevation higher which blocks the water flow the garage was enclosed a deck was built on surface piers no in ground piers or inspections and I believe they're going to try to do whatever they want unless less the city enforces the codes with the new fence.

Number one the berm that is blocking the water flow from East to West from my property continuing downhill should be removed before the new fences is permitted and put up .number two The good side should face my property. The rest of the entire fence has the good side out except where it abuts my property. The new fence should be 2 inches off the original grade to allow water flow which is pretty much the code in the entire county.

I have tried to live and let live but they are making it intolerable causing the water issues that plainly in the Frontenac codes stipulate you cannot divert water from the existing path to another on the property line which is exactly what they have done. I would be more than glad to have any of the Aldermen come by my house and look at what I'm dealing with there are codes issues in the city's books that stipulate what is supposed to be enforced .

I have pictures that I've already shared with the mayor there is video in the city administrators records that show none of the water from my house is going into her yard taken in the rain up front by the street it goes past her house and down the street in the front, which I worked on with Tony Reese her son to keep the water flowing down the street rather than between the two houses. The water that flows East to West across my southern boundary line has always gone through the yard next door because it's downhill or at least it was before was all changed and the dams built which block the natural water flow! The water that I'm dealing with comes out of the sky from the yard at 10484 Savannah.it is being redirected which violates Frontenac's current codes. The water used to flow following the natural grade of the land which has all been changed by the current owner of 10484 Savannah Ave..

Thank you for your time concerning this matter: