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June 4, 2021

Rory & Cheryl Clayson
509 6th Avenue North
Princeton, MN 55371

RE: Accumulation of Discarded Materials
Site: 509 6th Avenue North

Dear Rory & Cheryl:

The City received complaints regarding the accumulation of discarded materials at the above referenced location. Upon inspection, we found an abundance of discarded household materials; gasoline cans, batteries, tires, household baking dishes, wires, cardboard, tire rims, pet kennels, ladders, crates, totes, wood, headboards, fans, metal piles, kitchen chairs, non-operable lawnmowers, bikes, extension cords, cd player, metal railings, wagons, barrels, steel sheeting materials, and vehicles that are non-operable and filled with garbage. These items are discarded amongst grass and weeds that are over two feet high and the City Ordinance states weeds and/or grass shall not exceed six inches. I have enclosed photos that were taken of the site. This is in violation of Section VI.2.F. of the Princeton Zoning Ordinance, which states *it shall be prohibited to allow the piling, storing, keeping, or accumulation of garbage, trash, ashes, old machinery, wrecked or unlicensed vehicles, other discarded or uncared for building materials, and/or other property and debris.*

This is also in violation of Title 6 of the Nuisances and Offenses of the City of Princeton Code of Ordinances states, *"Accumulations in the open of one or more discarded or disused piece of machinery, household appliance, automobiles body, junk vehicles (as defined under paragraph "E" of Section 240.03 of these ordinances) or other material, in a manner conducive to the harboring of rats, mice, snakes or vermin, or the rank growth of vegetation among the items so accumulated, or in a manner creating fire, health or safety hazards from such accumulation."*

When visiting your property, stray cats were running at large and the smell of cat urine was immense as we walked your property area. In the City Code of Ordinance, Title 5. Animals, addresses cats running at large, licensing, and impounding. You will need to license the cats in your household and they will need to be kept in the house, or in a fenced in area or leashed.

This issue has been addressed in letters to you in the past from the City and also the Police Department has had numerous discussions with you on this subject. The City is taking a

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stronger stand on repeat Ordinance offenders and if the accumulation of discarded materials is not removed, the City Attorney will be taking the legal steps to have the situation resolved.

I will be inspecting your site in ten (10) days from the date of the letter and see what progress you have made to remove the discarded materials from your yard and have the grass/weeds cut to six inches, and the stray cats licensed and contained where they cannot run at large. You can call me and let me know of the steps you are planning for removing the items and you can reach me at (763) 389-2040.

If you fail to comply with the requirements outlined above, by the deadline above, this matter will be referred to the City Attorney for criminal prosecution of the above-referenced ordinances. Pursuant to Princeton City Ordinances, Title IV, Provision 1, the violation of the above ordinances is a misdemeanor level offense which carries with it a consequence of up to 90 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. Additionally, each day that the above infractions exist, constitutes a separate criminal offense.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

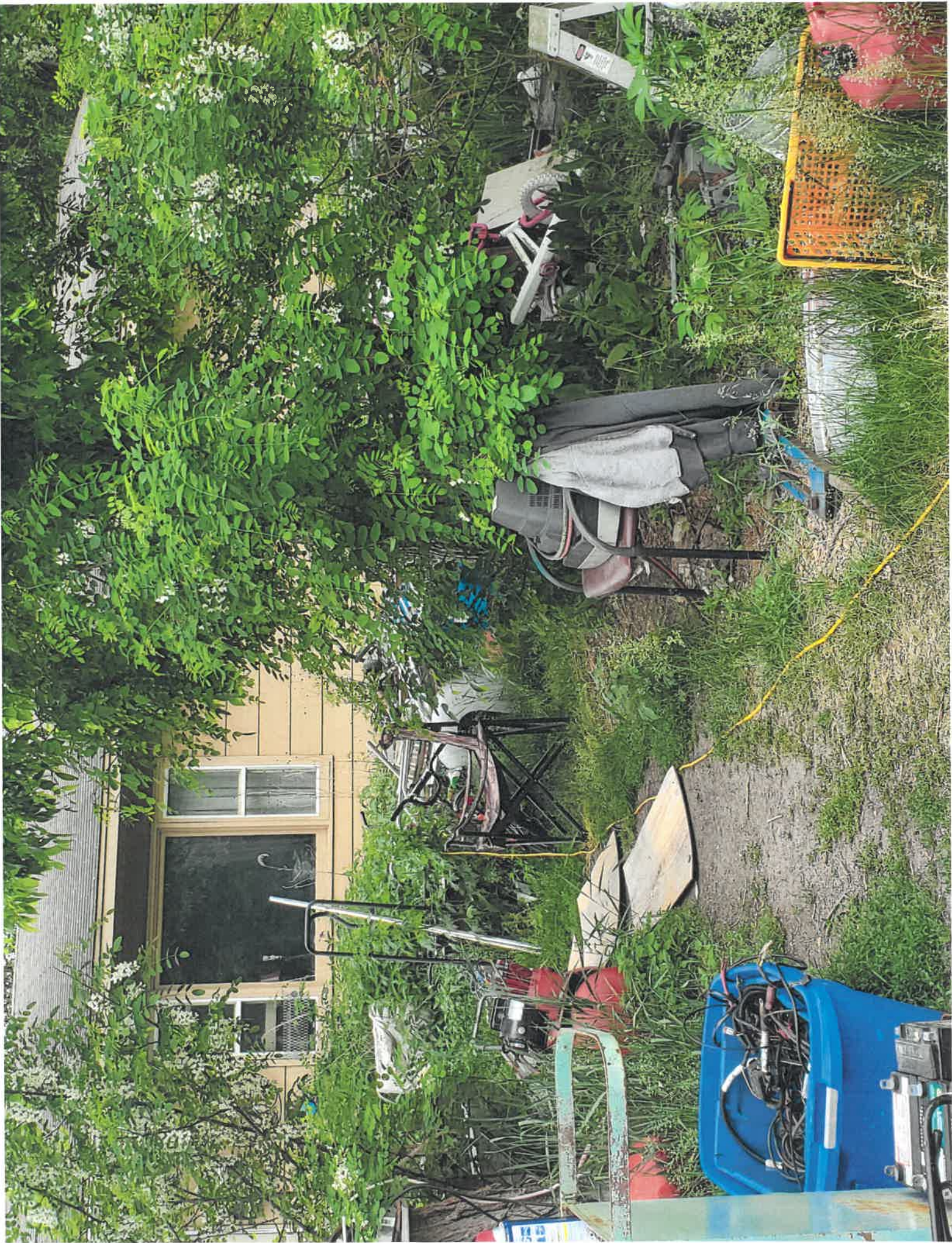
Mary Lou DeWitt
Community Development Zoning Specialist

Encl. Ordinances and Photos
Cc: Chief of Police and City Attorney











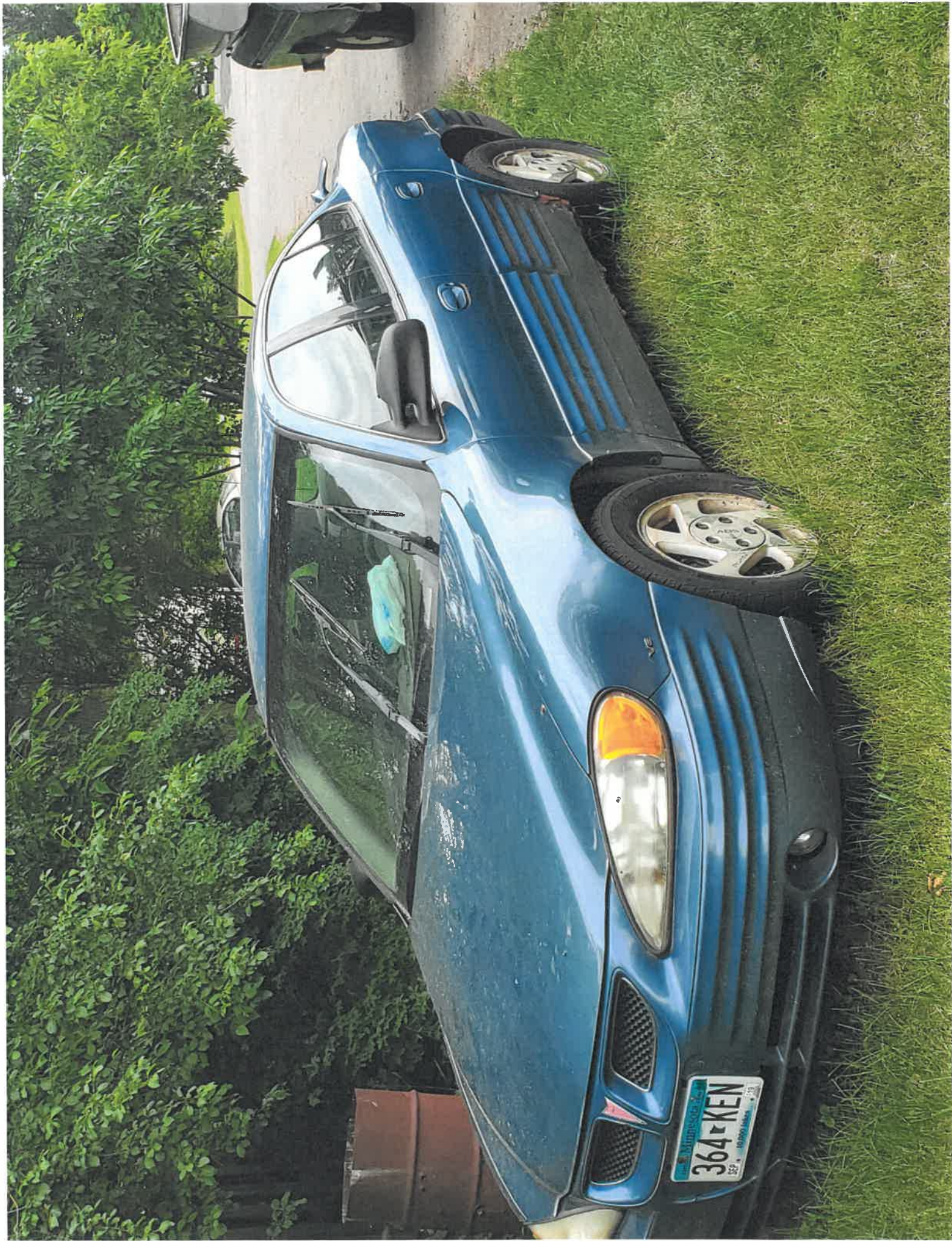














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