

To: The City of Yachats, Council.  
Re: Larry Pearson's house @ 270 W. 2nd. St  
Yachats, OR.

September 29, 2013

Dear Council,

I have safety, health and fire concerns for the community living on 2nd. Street with regards to the structurally dilapidated house on this lot. I have lived next to Larry for twenty eight years. All through those years, I considered him to be a good neighbor and friend—if not a bit eccentric and certainly a free spirit. I miss his humor and wit.

I am requesting that the property and house be inspected and that the results of this inspection be forwarded to the lawyer of the estate for consideration of razing the house itself and clearing the years of accumulated debris and the mound of yard waste at the rear of the property.

- The south wall has rotted through the siding, sheathing, wall framing and the floor below it—to the point that it has separated and left a gaping hole between the tall vertical windows. I can put my hand through this gap and reach into the house. After wind storms I go and look to see if the wall has collapsed yet. Portions of this wall—in the same state of dilapidation—are held together with solidified spray foam.
- Sections of the roof at the south end of the house are shored up with 4x posts which themselves have sunk into the flooring below them. The roof structure itself (at the back of the house) is water logged, sagging and collapsing. The floor structure is collapsing.
- There are numerous holes in the rear walls where animals can easily find a way into the house—some you could pass a football through. There are electrical wires exposed to the elements in some of these gaping holes—the siding and sheathing are gone. Interior electrical wires when exposed to constant dampness can spontaneously ignite. I have seen this happen.
- The steel mast for the electrical service to the house lists and is rusted where it joins the meter base.
- The interior of the house appears as if it has been ransacked. I have bolted the rear door shut.

I hope an inspection will reveal the urgency of my request. The coming of winter will draw rodents and raccoons to the now vacant house. Twice in the past there have been raccoon infestations—one causing Larry to fight them out of his house and one @ 336 west 2nd. Street (another unoccupied house). In both case the raccoons dug their way in right through the structures. @ 336 raccoons dug their way through the roof. At Larry's they came up through the floor. I have had them challenge me in the space between the houses. They can be very aggressive.

I see children playing in the yards here (to include Larry's)—their playful laughter is a blessing to my ears. I am concerned however for their safety.

My house @ 290 and the house to the east @ 258 W. 2nd. St. both has a pet cat and a small dog that could be attacked should raccoons occupy the abandoned house. Enough said.

Please forward the results of any inspections and this request to the parties responsible. I would also like a copy of the inspection report.

I spoke with Larry's daughter Anna in person shortly after Larry died. She did express to me her intent to not save the house but rather to tear it down. I hope this letter will encourage those with the authority to raze the house to hasten the process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The undersigned have read this letter and respectfully also request that an inspection take place.



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*To whom it may concern,*

*RE: INSPECTION REQUEST @*

*270 W. 2ND ST.*