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Ms. Joan Shannon  
Council President  
City of Burlington, Vermont  
City Hall  
149 Church Street  
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Ms. Shannon:

On Friday afternoon March 15, 2013 Mr. Eric Kronk (865-4970) called my home and left a message related to my position as Fence Viewer. Mr. Kronk said he was directed to me by the City concerning an issue with his property.

I returned the call at approximately 6 PM and spoke to Mr. Kronk. He told me that he owned two parcels of adjoining land in Burlington, that the actual boundary lines were not known, that he was looking for someone to identify the boundary pins, and that a porch might be encroaching the lot boundary.

I told him that it was not within the roles and responsibilities of the City's fence viewers to determine a boundary line. I read him the following excerpt from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Municipal Assistance Center (VLCT MAC):

*Note, however, that fence viewers may not determine a boundary line or ownership of land, and only the selectboard can order that an owner of unimproved or unoccupied land is not responsible for building or maintaining a share of the fence. Camp v. Camp, 59 Vt. 667 (1887); Shaw v. Gilfillan, 22 Vt. 565 (1850); 24 V.S.A. § 3802.*

Mr. Kronk said that he had spoken with another Fence Viewer prior to my call and that the same advice had been given by that Fence Viewer.

Please let me know if I can amplify this record or if you have further instructions.

Very truly yours,



Barry Trutor, Fence Viewer  
31 Matthew Ave  
Burlington, VT 05408

Cc: Ms. Meghan O'Rourke, Fence Viewer  
Mr. Shay Totten, Fence Viewer