

C Street Dispute: Rocky vs. Stormie

Community member Rocky Allaire purchased a cabin and shop at the end of C Street. This is a street within city limits but is not city-maintained. Rocky began building a fence between his property and the only other property owner on the road Stormie Mitchell. Stormie does not want Rocky to be able to access his newly purchased property, so she placed two cars in the middle of the road to block his access. Rocky called the troopers, but they do not want to get involved because the street is within city limits. They referred Rocky to City Hall. Rocky is wondering if the City would be able to help him get access to his cabin and property.

Answer:

C Street, located within city limits, is not currently maintained by the City. However, public rights-of-way within the City—maintained or not—are intended for shared public use and access, particularly when they provide the only access to private properties.

Regarding the vehicles blocking the roadway: City Code 3.40.010(b) states, a vehicle may be considered **abandoned** if it is left unattended, standing, or parked in a **traveled portion of a roadway** for more than **72 consecutive hours**. If the vehicles in question meet this definition, the City may be able to initiate an investigation and take further steps to address the obstruction.

Rocky:

- 1. **Document the obstruction**—including photos showing the date and time the vehicles have remained in place, especially if this exceeds 72 hours.
- 2. Submit a written complaint to City Hall including the documentation and details of the issue.
- 3. We will then review the situation and, if it meets the abandonment criteria, pursue appropriate action consistent with City Code.

While the City does not intervene in private disputes, we are committed to ensuring public rights-of-way remain accessible to all adjoining property owners.

