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Town of Carrollton
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Subject: Request for Written Clarification on Representations Made by Town Counsel

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to formally request clarification regarding statements made by the Town of Carrollton's counsel during the council meeting held on Monday, November 18, 2024.

At the meeting, I outlined my concerns regarding the Town's fire department and their handling of my reports regarding violations of fire ordinances. Specifically, I emphasized my demand for anonymity due to a legitimate fear of retaliation from the individuals responsible for starting the fires.

Despite my efforts to maintain anonymity, I identified myself during my calls to the communications center, beginning each with, "Hi, this is Chris Larsen." While I declined to provide my address, as it was irrelevant to the issue, I did provide the location of the fire in question. My phone number was always visible to the communications center via caller ID. Therefore, both the communications center and responding agencies were already aware of my identity without requiring further disclosure.

During the meeting, I described the fire department's brief, five-minute response to the fire location without lights, contrasted with the police department's unnecessary and conspicuous thirty-minute presence in front of my home with their emergency lights on. This response directly undermined my demand for anonymity. Additionally, I shared my concern that the communications center operator's tone suggested I was being treated as the aggressor.

The Town counsel responded by asserting that I had no right to anonymity to protect my identity, even when I expressed concerns about retaliation. I now demand that this representation made by the Town counsel be formally provided to me in writing.

Furthermore, the Town counsel stated that I had no right to seek recourse through emergency services to enforce city ordinances and that I must pursue civil proceedings to address such matters. When I explained that this assertion was incorrect and that 911 calls generate necessary documentation for civil proceedings, the Town counsel dismissed my explanation by chuckling and shrugging.

I also demand that this additional representation, as stated by the Town counsel, be formally provided to me in writing.

Please provide a written response to this request no later than December 1, 2024.

Failure to address this matter promptly will necessitate further action on my part to ensure accountability.

Sincerely,

Christopher Larsen
