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Chapel Hill Town Council  
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To Whom It May Concern:

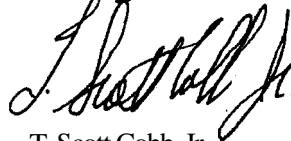
I am writing to request that the Chapel Hill Town Council consider adding a town ordinance that would place more responsibility into the hands of homeowners in our neighborhood (Northside) to preserve and maintain the character of our neighborhood.

My request specifically revolves around requiring homeowners (including absentee homeowners in the form of landlords) to be directly responsible for the maintenance of their property and in turn the preservation of their neighborhood. We have two common occurrences in our neighborhood (specifically around the Pritchard Avenue/Rosemary/Carr Street corridor) that exemplify the above point: piles of trash strewn all over front yards and into the streets (which eventually clog the town's storm drains) and cars parking in front yards creating not only an eyesore for the entire neighborhood, but I would think a safety hazard as well.

I have personally attempted to resolve the above problems by contacting both the Chapel Hill Police Department and Public Works. Both departments have been excellent in responding to my complaints, but I feel that since the above problems are constant occurrences, in order to resolve the situation once and for all, a town ordinance must be passed that would motivate home owners to directly take a more active role in the maintenance of their property and the preservation of the neighborhood's character.

It is my belief that if the Town Council would adopt a town ordinance that placed the responsibility for the degradation of neighborhoods directly into home owner's hands (including landlords), then we could solve the above problems while assuring that every home owner (even absentee home owners) have a vested interest in preserving our town. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



T. Scott Cobb, Jr.