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Date: January 14, 2015

To: Thomas J. Bonfield – City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson – Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin G. Williams – Director of Public Works

Subject: Response to Citizen Requests to Appear (Delores Bynum)

Parquet Street is a street that is partially maintained by the City of Durham (City) and partially “unopened” public right of way. The City is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 570 linear feet, which is the paved section of Parquet St., from where it intersects with S. Roxboro St. to the end of the asphalt pavement. The section of Parquet that is beyond the end of the pavement is “unopened” public right of way that is not maintained by the City (the section where Ms. Bynum lives – 125 Parquet St). It appears that section is currently being used as a gravel driveway to serve 125 Parquet St.

Contact has been made with Ms. Bynum by the Department of Public Works on multiple occasions about the City’s inability to maintain the gravel section of Parquet St. (most recently in December 2014). Ms. Bynum has been informed that the only way for the City to assume maintenance responsibility of this section of Parquet St. is to have the gravel section of the street built to City standards. This action may occur if a valid petition for a street opening is submitted to the City for the construction and acceptance of this street through the petition process. Ms. Bynum has also been made aware of the fact that an assessment for the full cost of construction of the street to City standards would be levied against all properties abutting this improvement. To date, a formal street opening petition has not been submitted by Ms. Bynum (or any other property owner along Parquet St.) to the City.

The Department of Public Works will continue to perform maintenance on the paved section of Parquet St. and will not perform maintenance of the unpaved section of Parquet St. until that section has been built to City standards and formally accepted by the City for maintenance.