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Orono Public Works
2700 Kelley Parkway
P.O. Box # 66
Crystal Bay, MN 55323

RE: Spruce Place Boulevard in front of 1310 Spruce Place

Dear Public Works guys:

I live at 1310 Spruce Place, Orono.

I have an issue with the use of the common street boulevard and need your direction; as I do not want to pick any fights with the neighbors unnecessarily.

As you undoubtedly already know, the street termination at our drive simply disseminates into several driveways. This is a real congestion spot. As Spruce Place has evolved from being a street of small cabins to a street of small year round structures to the current times; where we have some larger family structures and more year round residents. This has brought along with it larger families with more residents and more vehicles and more social gatherings.

The street at the current termination simply narrows down to the width of the straight on entry into Walker's driveway at 1318 Spruce Place; with our driveway shooting off slightly to the SE of it sharing a common point where both driveways meet the street.

The street is offset along the easterly side of the long right - of - way, and there is a grass boulevard across from our driveway. The neighbors have chosen to place fairly large boulders along the boulevard adjacent with the asphalt. This has made it impossible for anyone to easily back out of our drive in a manner to allow part of the car to hang over the grass and maneuver without damaging the vehicle on the boulders. The same is true for vehicles needing to turn around at this point.

Last year I moved several boulders back a few feet to allow this: now they have magically reappeared: obviously moved by the neighbor at 1318 Spruce Place. Since it does not affect them in any way, it leaves me cold to any possible motive for this effort.

During our short occupancy at 1310 we have damaged our car backing into the boulders, my father has done the same (but can still drive around at the age of 91), had two

mailboxes damaged (one by a postal driver who left a nice note; and one by your snowplow rig who I watched and sympathized that he did not even see it while having all he could do to maneuver around boulders, utility poles, and mailboxes).

I would like to see at least two of the boulders across from our drive that is on City Boulevard removed or relocated. This simple, reasonable, and necessary request obviously offends some neighbors; and since I have NEVER lived on a street that had such a great amount of unused street right of way yet so little actual street.

I am part of Stonewood, LLC where we work with Orono on many upscale residence redevelopments. We have always been instructed that: although the adjacent property owners must maintain the walks and landscaping on the street boulevard properties; it can not obstruct unnecessarily the sight lines for traffic situations, or interfere with City needs such as the storage of snow, etc. For the life of me I cannot think of one single reason for anyone to want the end of a problem street to be hard lined with boulders to complicate "all of the above"; but again – I do not want to pick fights with new neighbors. I have currently to date strived to not to interfere with anyone's rights; but this real need to congest an already bad situation really baffles me. I rack my brain for just one (even flaky) reason for wanting this current situation to continue.

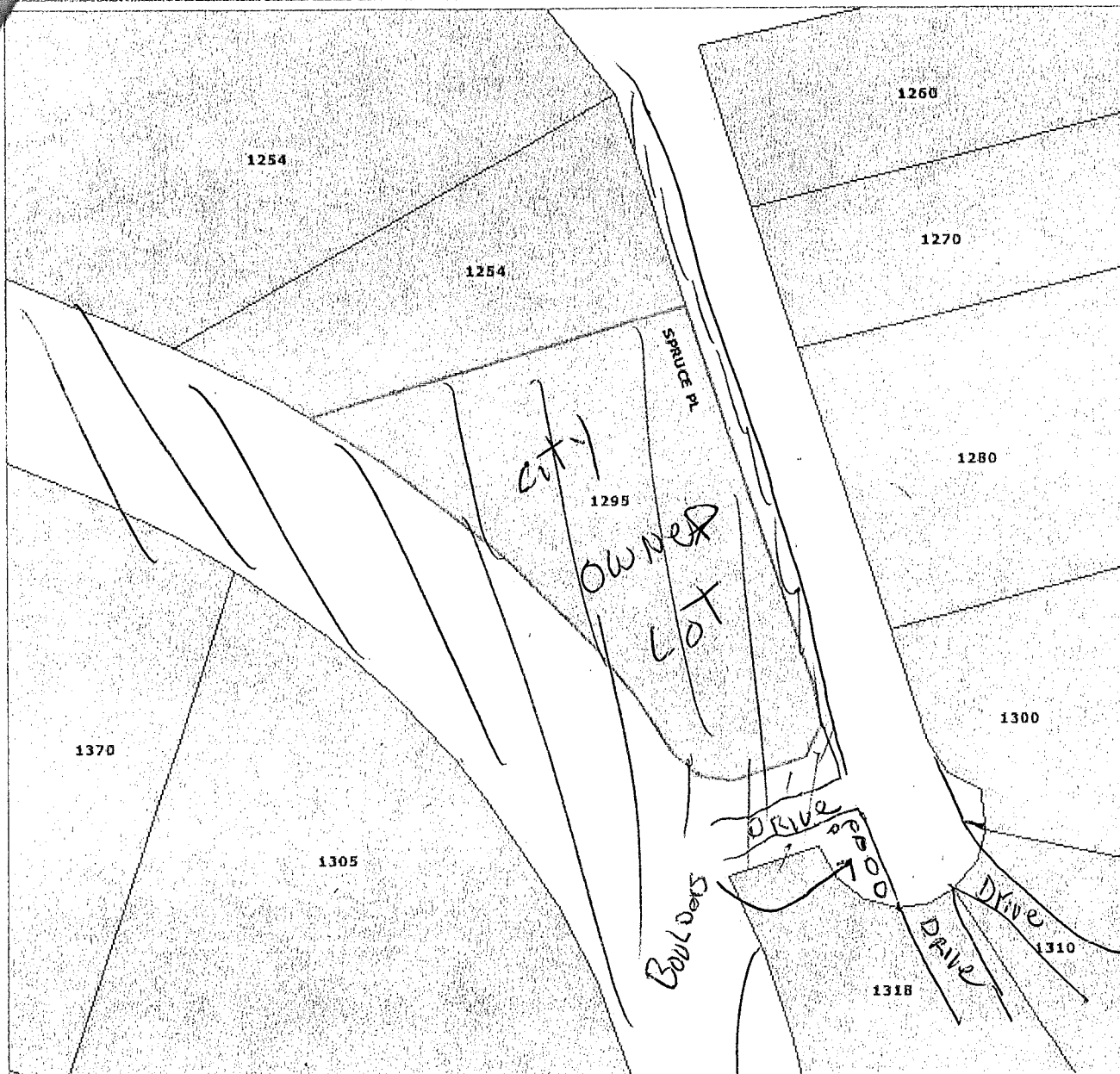
I appreciate your consideration of this simple request to remove at least two boulders to benefit us all – Public Works as well as myself, U.S. Postal delivery vans, and all others needing turn around or snow storage space; as well.

Thanks,
Jeffrey Gustafson

Enc: Hennepin County plat map

Hennepin County Property Map - Tax Year: 2008

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Selected Parcel Data

Parcel ID: 07-117-23-41-0078

Owner Name: HENNEPIN FORFEITED LAND

Parcel Address: 1295 SPRUCE PL, ORONO, MN 55364

Property Type: VACANT LAND-RES

Homestead: NON-HOMESTEAD

Area (sqft): 13028

Area (acres): 0.30

A-T-B: ABSTRACT

Market Total: \$0.00

Tax Total: \$0.00

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Sale Price: \$0.00

Sale Date: /

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