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Angela and Charles Lattery
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RE: *Code Violation*
Our File No. 4033-0202

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lattery:

I am the City Attorney for the City of Ramsey. The issue concerning the two accessory structures on your property was turned over to me by City staff.

As indicated in the September 20, 2018, letter to you from the City Planner, the two "hoop" buildings in your yard are, by definition, detached accessory structures. Such structures are not allowed under Section 117-349 of the City Code, and even if they were allowed, a building permit would have been required. No such permit was obtained from the City.

You argued previously that hoop buildings are not buildings, but rather are "merely coverings" that "screen" your boat and inoperable vehicle. A tarp is a covering. A hoop building, on the other hand, is a structure regulated by the State Building Code, as explained in the City's October 15th letter to you. Such structures fall under the restrictions for Accessory Structures in the City Code. Hoop buildings do not qualify as "coverings" or "screening" as those terms are used in the City Code.

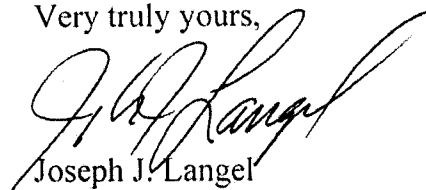
Finally, these two hoop buildings are far too new to qualify as lawful, non-conforming uses. Any such accessory structures must comply with current City Code requirements.

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The two hoop buildings must be removed within 14 days of receipt of this letter. This is the final notice before additional enforcement action is taken, which may include abatement by the City. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph J. Langel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Joseph J. Langel

c: Tim Gladhill, City of Ramsey

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