



CITY OF JONESBORO

June 20, 1994

Dear Council Member:

This letter is to brief you with the contacts that I have had with Mr. Mickey Seeman.

Around the first week in May Mr. Seeman came in and wanted to know how to get a building permit for a swimming pool. After seeing his plot plan with easements, I informed him he couldn't build because of the easements. He was informed he could alter the pool size or check with Brian to see if the right of ways could be reversed.

He was back in again the first part of the following week. At that time he said "what would be the worst thing the city could do if I did it anyway!" He was strongly advised not to proceed because the consequences could be severe.

Since he made that statement, whenever we were out making inspections, we would swing around Seeman's house. We sensed he would have it installed anyway.

On June 1st, Joe Tomlinson was out doing inspections when our office called for an electrical inspection. When Joe came in he informed me about the electrical inspection. I then went out and found they had dug the pool over Memorial Day weekend. The pool side walls were up, the bond beam had been poured and the pool had been back filled. Also, the pool hopper had been sculptured and the deck was being prepared for concrete placement.

At this point, I stopped all work on the pool. I knocked on the door to inform the homeowner. Mrs. Seeman answered the door and said she didn't know anything about the pool. She said her husband never informed her of the pool. She had no information about it. I came back into the office and informed Brian Wadley of my actions. I also informed Brian that I thought Mickey was at the house. I thought I had seen him standing at the kitchen window. Brian then called Seeman and was informed Mickey was in Texarkana and would not be back until Friday. Mrs. Seeman indicated to Brian she was unaware of anything concerning the pool.

Page two

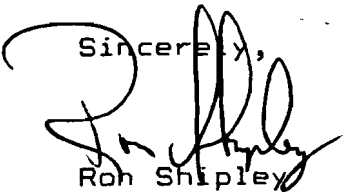
While at the Seeman's I checked the shipping labels and discovered the pool company was Aloha Pools in Little Rock. I called Aloha and was directed to Scott Girner. I informed Mr. Girner that the work was to stop and I wanted to see him in the office the next morning. Mr. Girner was in the office at 9:30 June 2. Mr. Girner said Mickey had told him he had all the permits and was ready to go. I asked why he, Mr. Girner, did not call to confirm permits were issued. Girner said Seeman said he was responsible for the permits, so Girner thought it was o.k. to install the pool. As I told Girner, if he had followed procedures we could have caught the problem before he permanently installed the pool.

Seeman and Girner were told we needed an "as installed" plat from a licensed engineer. Since the pool infringes in the easements we felt the law was very specific in the course of action we must take.

Due to his blatant action, I sincerely hope that the City Council backs our decision. If the City Council does not back the lawful prescribed cure, I'm afraid the public health and welfare will be greatly jeopardized.

If you have any further questions, I am available for interview at any time.

Sincerely,



Ron Shipley
Building Inspector