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Douglas J. Boyle | Director – Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
Indiana Department of Homeland Security
302 W. Washington Street, Room E-208
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Boyle and Members of the Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission,

The City of Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department has a long and proud history of serving the citizens of Charlestown by ensuring that the health, safety, and welfare of the community is at the forefront of our mission.

Over the years the CVFD has worked with the City of Charlestown Administration(s) by providing input on various health and safety concerns that arise throughout the City, with a major concern being the lack of maintenance on properties throughout the City.

As I am sure the Board is aware, property maintenance issues such as high grass and weeds, junk cars, junk, rubbish, debris, deteriorating structures, etc. often present barriers for the Fire Department when responding to an emergency.

It is with concerns for the health and safety of the community as well as the safety of all Emergency Responders that the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department has reviewed and whole heartily supports the City of Charlestown and their submission of the Charlestown Property Maintenance Ordinance 2020-OR-05 to the Commission for approval.

The Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department respectfully request the Indiana Fire and Building Safety Commission take action to approve the Charlestown Property Maintenance Code 2020-OR-05 as soon as feasible possible.

Sincerely,

Chief John P. Heal
Charlestown Fire Department