

St. Albans Township Board of Trustees
19 N. Liberty Street
Alexandria, OH 43001

Dear Trustees:

We are writing to request that the St. Albans Township Board of Trustees immediately suspend and remove Denise Martin from the St. Albans Township Zoning Commission, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 519.04(B). A copy of this letter is also being served on Ms. Martin at her home address by registered mail.

R.C. 519.04(B) provides that members of a township zoning commission may be removed for "nonperformance of duty, misconduct in office, or other cause by the board, upon written charges being filed with the board, after a public hearing has been held regarding the charges, and after a copy of the charges has been served upon the member so charged at least ten days before the hearing, either personally, by registered mail, or by leaving the copy at the member's usual place of residence." The member may be suspended from participating as a member of the zoning commission during the period of up to sixty days before the pending hearing on the removal.

Denise Martin, co-owner and President of Martin Trucking, 2699 Johnstown-Alexandria Rd, Alexandria, OH 43001, has willfully violated St. Albans Township Zoning Regulations on multiple instances. Most recently, on March 20, 2023, Ms. Martin caused to be constructed a concrete slab on the premises of Martin Trucking without the zoning/building permit required by Article 3 of the Zoning Regulations. Similarly, a concrete slab was constructed on the premises of Martin Trucking without the requisite permits last year. In addition to these two zoning violations, Ms. Martin has failed to timely comply with a Landscaping Plan submitted last year (Zoning Regulations Section 1201 and 1202).

As a member of the Zoning Commission Ms. Martin is, or should be, familiar with the Township's Zoning Regulations. Her obvious and blatant disregard of the regulations constitutes not only misconduct in office, but a violation of the public trust that renders her unfit to serve on the Zoning Commission. Honesty and integrity in the performance of public duties is essential. If Ms. Martin's honesty and integrity does not extend to her own personal compliance with the regulations she is charged with formulating and enforcing, it seems unlikely that she is capable of performing her duties on the Zoning Commission in an honest and unbiased manner.

As St. Albans Township enters a period of unprecedented growth and change, it is imperative that our local government conduct its duties transparently and in a manner that fairly and impartially represents ALL of the residents of the township. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Board of Trustees immediately suspend and remove Denise Martin from the Zoning Commission.

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