



# City of NAPOLEON, OHIO

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November 15, 1995

Mr. Raymond J. Armbruster  
853 West Graceway Drive  
Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Mayor  
Robert G. Heft

Re: Driveway Approach

Members of Council  
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City Engineer  
Adam C. Hoff, P.E.

Dear Mr. Armbruster:

Following our recent conversations pertaining to your residential driveway and my visit to examine the situation, it is my opinion that the City of Napoleon is not responsible for the differential settlement which is occurring. This driveway was replaced for a distance of approximately twenty (20) lineal feet from the back of the curb as a result of the Southside Sewer Separation Project constructed in 1990.

It is your contention that the section of driveway which was replaced is heaving due to the backfill over the new sewer expanding with heat and moisture. I believe, however, that the difference in elevation of the new slab to the old is due to the settlement of the original slab. Further, it is my opinion that, if the difference were due to the expansion of the backfill in the sewer trench, the end of the new section closest to the street would have heaved rather than that closest to the house. I also believe that the problem would have surfaced sooner than now and should have been addressed at that time. At this late date the City has no recourse to bring the Contractor back to make repairs.

If you should have any questions, please call me.

Yours truly,

Adam C. Hoff, P.E.  
City Engineer

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cc: Mr. Marc S. Gerken, P.E.; City Manager

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