

To City of Foley council members:

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I am writing this letter in response to the notice my mother got regarding the garbage company refusing to drive up the alley any longer to pick up garbage. The alley is very uneven, humped severely in the middle. Probably due to the heavy garbage trucks driving up and down it each week every year.

Last year, my mother, Joan Doubek, 320 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, paid to have a sidewalk and pad for the garbage cans put in, so she could safely navigate the back yard to empty garbage. Now they are stating she has to put her garbage cans out front of her home, hauling them down her driveway, which is almost as long as her lot. So now she basically has a sidewalk to nowhere.

What is the point of having an alley if you cannot use it for things such as garbage removal? I can appreciate that the city has only so much money in the budget. We are not asking for an expensive solution, like a new tar road. Even if they took out the existing tar and leveled the road so the trucks could access it. I did not notice other alleys with this problem. Perhaps the base was not done right before the tar was put down? Not sure.

At any rate, there should be another solution to this problem. My mother is a quiet sweet 84 year old woman who has lived in this house for the last 54 years. She has always done what the city has asked of her, paid her bills timely. She never would have complained about this, and you could have done whatever you wanted, except several of her relatives thought this was unacceptable and decided to complain on behalf of her.

I would like a response to this letter soon after the next city council meeting convenes. I know I just missed the last one, but was unable to get a letter done.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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