



# **The City of Collinsville Releases Statement About Fraudulent Letter Being Sent To Residents**

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Dear Resident,

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As you are in violation of the Collinsville's ordinance, you are being levied a fine of \$250. Payment can be directed to the City of Collinsville's offices, with a copy of this letter, at the address shown below. The immediate removal of this display is required in order to avoid further fines. Payment is required by October 1, 2020.

City of Collinsville

City of Collinsville Illinois

125 South Center Street

Collinsville IL 62234

**COLLINSVILLE** - The City of Collinsville released a statement about a letter several Collinsville residents received this past week regarding a political sign. The City of Collinsville said they did not send the letter.

The City of Collinsville stressed this letter was made to look like an official notice from the city.

"The City of Collinsville did not send this letter, and would not send a letter of this nature to any resident without a point of contact," the city said. "We ask that if anyone receives, or has received, a letter such as this, that they contact us immediately. We are also asking that if anyone knows who may be behind sending this notice, that they please contact us as well."

**The letter reads:**

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**The letter was in a plain white envelope without any city markings.**