

January 2, 2018

TO: Public Safety Committee

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RE: Update on Blighted Properties

The Committee had asked that our department provide occasional updates on the status of the properties targeted on the blight list. I have asked Deputy Fire Chief Gregg Kadow for status updates on these properties, as there has not been action requested of our department on all of them. Here is the current status of the properties, as reported to me:

1. **416 St. Clair St.** Our department has not received any paperwork on this property. The Fire Department sent the owner a letter on December 8th, 2017. The Deputy Fire Chief spoke with the homeowner on December 11th, 2017, and he indicated he would be looking to raze the property and rebuild a one or two family home on the site. The Deputy Chief plans to follow up the first week in January and will advise the homeowner we will issue a raze order if he does not raze it himself. We will draft a raze order if requested by the Fire Department.
2. **1802 Western Avenue.** Our department has not received any paperwork on this property. The Deputy Fire Chief sent a letter on December 11, 2017 to ask for an update on the building and to see inside. The owner was given 14 days to respond. The letter was returned and has been remailed to a new address. We will draft a raze order if requested by the Fire Department.
3. **424 N 7th St.** Our department has not received any paperwork on this property. The Fire Department informs me that there were numerous unsuccessful attempts to sell the building. The Deputy Fire Chief sent a

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new letter to raze or repair on December 11, 2017. The property has been sold and closing is set for January 5th, 2018. The Deputy Fire Chief is now working with the new owner. We will draft a raze order if requested by the Fire Department.

4. **422/424 N 10th St.** The City owns this property and the homes have been razed.
5. **1908 Western Ave.** Our department issued a raze order. It was not contested. The Deputy Fire Chief met with the owner and is conducting a blight determination to turn the properties over to the Community Development Authority.
6. **1912 Western Ave.** Our department issued a raze order. It was not contested. The Deputy Fire Chief met with the owner and is conducting a blight determination to turn the properties over to the Community Development Authority.
7. **315 N 8th St.** Our department has not received any paperwork on this property. The Fire Department has been informed there is a sale pending on the property. They will follow up on January 15, 2018. We will draft a raze order if requested by the Fire Department.
8. **2902 Meadow Lane.** This property was razed by the owner and remains in private ownership.
9. **205 N Rapids Rd.** Our department has not received any paperwork on this property. The Fire Department is waiting for a response from the property owner. We will draft a raze order if requested by the Fire Department.
10. **2605 Calumet Ave.** Our department has not received any paperwork on this property. The property owner has cancelled several inspections. If the next one is cancelled, we will be obtaining an inspection warrant. We will draft a raze order if requested by the Fire Department.
11. **1015 Washington St.** Our department issued a raze order. It was not contested. The Mayor has been working with the property owner and their realtors. The Fire Department stands prepared to raze the property once directed by the Mayor and Council.