

April 30, 2018

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney
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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. Based upon our conversations with DC. Kadow, here is the current status of the properties, as reported to us:

1. **416 St. Clair Street:** This building is tentatively scheduled to be demolished by the owner in early June. DC Kadow has instructed the owner that if the demolition does not occur, the City will pursue a raze order. Our department will draft a raze order upon request.
2. **424 N. 7th Street:** A letter was sent to the property owner advising of the present code violations. The owner has until April 27 to provide the Building Inspectors with a correction plan. Failure to do so will result in the request of a raze order. Our department will draft a raze order upon request.
3. **205 N. Rapids Road:** DC Kadow met with the property owner and Brandon Bartow to inspect the property and generate a repair estimate. Upon further discussion with Staff Attorney Majerus, citations will be issued to encourage exterior repairs before pursuing a raze order.
4. **2605 Calumet Ave:** DC Kadow sent a certified letter to the property owner establishing an April 20th deadline to provide the Building Inspectors with a correction plan. Failure to do so will result in the request of a raze order. Our department will draft a raze order upon request.

Properties previously identified as blighted but removed from this list:

1908-1912 Western Ave. These properties may be removed from the list. The City has acquired these properties. A letter was sent to area demolition contractors requesting bids. It is expected that demolition will take longer at 1912 due to the presence of asbestos siding.

1802 Western Avenue: This property may be removed from the list. The property was sold over winter. The new owner has done extensive work on the interior and is on notice that exterior work must begin as soon as weather permits.

315 N. 8th Street: This property may be removed from the list. The property was sold over winter. The new owner plans to demolish the existing building and is working with SMI and City staff for plans to erect a new building.

1015 Washington Street: Demolition contractors met with DC Kadow on site April 11. Demolition estimates are due by April 20.