

**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

April 28, 2014



Case #2008 – 1417 Tisdale Street



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 18 in Block 9 of Castle Heights

STRUCTURE(S):

- single-family residence
- multi-family residence
- mixed use
- commercial
- accessory structure(s)

PROPERTY OWNER(S): James A & Janette M Curry

LIENHOLDER(S)/

MORTGAGEE(S): none

IMPROVEMENT VALUE(S)

(AS APPRAISED BY THE

BRAZOS COUNTY

APPRAISAL DISTRICT): \$1,050 (2013 tax year)

BACKGROUND:

In Fall of 2013, the City's Environmental Compliance Division performed smoke tests on the public sewer system in the Castle Height Subdivision. During that investigation, City crews came across this collapsed structure in a wooded area adjacent to unimproved street right-of-ways for Tisdale Street and Castle Avenue.

Notices were mailed to the listed property owner on January 29, March 19 and March 26, 2014. Staff never received plans or estimates for repairs, so the Chief Building Official requested that the property be scheduled for consideration by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

- (1.) staff recommendation
- (2.) pictures
- (3.) dangerous structures survey reports

**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
STAFF RECOMMENDATION**



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Building Address: 1417 Tisdale Street

Record Owner(s): James A. & Janette M. Curry

The City's Chief Building Official has requested this Commission hearing to discuss the building on this property, and all legal notices of the hearing were provided to record owners, lienholders, and mortgagees. They were also notified that if they wanted to repair the building they needed to meet with City staff and come to the hearing with a detailed plan for repairs, including cost estimates. Based on the surveys, reports, photographs, and other evidence provided to the Commission, the City recommends that the Commission find the building unsafe based on the standards set forth in Bryan Code of Ordinances Section 14-224 subsection(s):

- 1) The building, structure, or any part thereof is likely to partially or fully collapse.
- 2) The structure or any part thereof was constructed or maintained in violation of any provision of the City's Building Code, or any other applicable ordinance or law of the city, county, state or federal government.
- 3) One or more walls or other vertical structural members list, lean, or buckle to such an extent that a plumb line passing through the center of gravity falls outside of the middle third or its base.
- 4) The foundation or the vertical or horizontal supporting members are twenty five percent (25%) or more damaged or deteriorated.
- 5) The non supporting coverings of walls, ceilings, roofs, or floors are fifty percent (50%) or more damaged or deteriorated.
- 6) The structure has improperly distributed loads upon the structural members, or they have insufficient strength to be reasonably safe for the purpose used.
- 7) The structure or any part thereof has been damaged by fire, water, earthquake, wind, vandalism, or other cause to such an extent that it has become dangerous to the public health, safety and welfare.
- 8) The structure or any part thereof has inadequate means of egress as required by the City's Building Code.
- 9) The structure does not have adequate light ventilation, or sanitation facilities as required by the City's Building Codes and Plumbing Code.

The City further recommends that the Commission find that:

- the building is unsecured and must be boarded up and/or fenced in such a manner to prevent unauthorized entry by a person, including a child, through missing or unlocked doors or windows or through other openings into the building.**
- the building may not be feasibly repaired in compliance with City ordinances.**

The City recommends that the Commission issue an order to the owner, lienholder, or mortgagee to:

- secure the building from unauthorized entry within 30 days.**
- demolish the building and remove the debris within 30 days.**

The City recommends that the Commission orders that the City may:

- disconnect water and electric utilities to the building; and**
- secure the structure, demolish the building and remove the debris in accordance with Chapter 14 of the City of Bryan's Code of Ordinances if the owner, lienholder, or mortgagee fails to comply with the Commission's order.**

PICTURES: 3-11-14





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Dangerous Structures Survey Report

Chief Building Official

Case # 2008

A. PROPERTY ADDRESS: R21423 – Tisdale Street, Castle Heights, Block 9, Lot 8

B. SPECIFICATIONS: No. Rooms ? No. Stories 1 No. Structures 1

STRUCTURAL USE

CONSTRUCTION

OCCUPANCY

- Residential/Single Family
- Mixed Use
- Commercial
- Residential/Multi Family
- Accessory Structure(s)

- Box
- Frame
- Masonry
- Mobile Home

- Occupied
- Vacant
- Open

C. FINDINGS

01. The structure or a part thereof was constructed or maintained in violation of a provision of the City's building code, other applicable ordinance, state law, or federal law. Specifically, the following:

2005 NEC, 2009 IRC

Main structure? Accessory structure?

02. Any wall or other vertical structural members list, lean, or buckle to an extent that a plumbline passing through the center of gravity falls outside of the middle third of its base. Main structure? Accessory structure?

03. The foundation or the vertical or horizontal supporting members are materially damaged or deteriorated. Main structure? Accessory structure?

04. The non-supporting coverings of walls, ceilings, roofs, or floors are materially damaged or deteriorated. Main structure? Accessory structure?

05. The structure has improperly distributed loads upon the structural members, or they have insufficient strength to be reasonably safe for the purpose used. Main structure? Accessory structure?

06. The structure or any part thereof has inadequate means of egress as required by the city's building code. Main structure? Accessory structure?

07. The structure is unsanitary, unfit for human habitation, or likely to cause sickness due to damage, deterioration, or inadequate design/construction. Specifically the structure does not meet the city's requirements for:

- light
- ventilation
- sanitation facilities

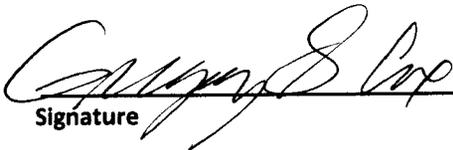
Main structure? Accessory structure?

D. FLOOR PLAN (if necessary)

N/A - COLLAPSED MAJORITY OF STRUCTURE HAS

E. DETERMINATION

1. It has been determined upon inspection and investigation that the structure is dangerous, unsafe, or a hazard to public health and must be secured and:
- A. Be vacated OR remain unoccupied; and
- B. Be repaired OR be demolished.
2. It has been determined upon inspection and investigation that the structure is not dangerous, unsafe, or a hazard to public health as defined by the City's Code of Ordinances.


Signature

CAEBON, S. COX
Printed Name

3-11-14
Date



Dangerous Structures Survey Report

Fire Marshal

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C. FINDINGS

- 01. The structure or a part thereof has been damaged by fire, water, earthquake, wind, vandalism, or other cause to such an extent that it has become dangerous to the public health, safety, and welfare.
I estimate that 100 % of the main structure is considered a loss.
I estimate that 100 % of the accessory structure is considered a loss.
- 02. The structure or a part thereof has deteriorated to such an extent that it has become dangerous to the public health, safety, and welfare.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure?
- 03. The structure or a part thereof does not have adequate means of egress as required by the City's building code, and poses a danger in case of fire or panic.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure?
- 04. The structure or a part thereof lacks necessary fire-resistive construction, and the threat of a fire in the structure poses a risk to inhabitants, neighboring structures, and fire department personnel.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure?
- 05. Obsolete, damaged, or deteriorated electric wiring, gas connections, heating apparatus, or other mechanical infrastructure present a risk of fire.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure?
- 06. The proximity of the structure or a part thereof to other structures on this or neighboring properties constitutes a fire hazard for the other structures.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure?
- 07. The structure or a part thereof is in violation of the City's fire code.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure?

