

**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT**

**January 26, 2015**



**Case # 2072 – 1112 Dansby Street**



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Austin Addition, Block 3, Lot 7  
**STRUCTURE(S):** single-family residence , accessory structure  
**PROPERTY OWNER(S):** Martin Donald Earl (Life Estate)

**LIENHOLDER(S)/  
MORTGAGEE(S):**

**ACTIVE UTILITIES:**  yes  no **DISCONNECTED ON:** 12/04/09

**BRAZOS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT/TAX OFFICE INFORMATION:**

**PROPERTY ID:** 17494  
**IMPROVEMENT VALUE:** \$5,910  
**YEAR BUILT:** 1945  
**SF OF LIVING AREA:** 1236  
**CURRENT OWNER SINCE:** 6/17/1991  
**PROPERTY TAXES OWED:** \$5062.24 (1999-2002)

**BACKGROUND:**

- In September of 2014, the Bryan Police Department alerted the Chief Building Official and the Fire Marshal that the house on this property is vacant, in need of repairs, and that the accessory structure on the property is unsecured.
- Notices that the property would be scheduled for consideration by the Building and Standards Commission were mailed to the listed property owner on November 19 and December 22, 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: 1112 Dansby Street**

**Record Owner(s): Martin Donald Earl (Life Estate)**

**The City's Chief Building Official has requested this Commission hearing to discuss the building one accessory structure 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 and/or accessory structure 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 accessory structure 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 structure.**
- 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:**

- demolish the building and accessory structure 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 accessory structure; and**
- secure the structure, demolish the building and accessory structure 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: 12-02-14**



Front of house, siding damage, boarded window  
Means of egress does not meet code



Older electrical panel, missing blanks



Damaged light fixtures



Holes in interior ceilings, roof leaks, mold



Interior ceiling finish damaged – roof leaks



Collapsing ceilings – roof leaks



Mold



Ceiling finish collapsed, no insulation, rotten structure



Damaged interior walls and finishes



Roof un-level due to foundation issues

## Garage



Garage unsecured, poor wall bracing and wall sagging above opening



Wall out of plumb at garage due to lack of inadequate wall bracing



Illegal exposed Romex wiring in garage



Rotten framing – framing does not meet code



Interior of garage – side view of house



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# Dangerous Structures Survey Report

Chief Building Official

Case # 2072

A. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1112 Dansby Street, Austin, Block 3, Lot 7

B. SPECIFICATIONS: No. Rooms 6 No. Stories 1 No. Structures 2

STRUCTURAL USE

CONSTRUCTION

OCCUPANCY

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

- Box
- Frame 1945
- 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:

2009 IRC / 2011 NEC

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?

X 08. Injury to persons or damage to property will result because portion, member or appurtenance is likely to fail, become detached or dislodged, or collapse.  
Main structure? \_\_\_\_\_ Accessory structure? \_\_\_\_\_

X 09. Unable to give reasonable protection to any occupants from weather elements or danger of collapse because of:  
X Holes or cracks in the floor, exterior wall or roof  
X Loose, rotten, warped or protruding boards  
Main structure? X Accessory structure? X

X 10. Is manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it is being used or so as not to give reasonable protection from danger of collapse or fire because of:  
X Defective materials  
X Structural deterioration  
X Interior walls or ceilings with holes, cracks or loose plaster  
Main structure? X Accessory structure? X

X 11. The building, structure, or a part thereof, is unsecured and open.  
Main structure? X Accessory structure? X

COMMENTS (1) NO PERMITS ON FILE SINCE AT LEAST 1998 (2) DAMAGED

OR MISSING EXTERIOR SIDING / ROTTEN SIDING

(3) NO LANDING AT FRONT DOOR (4) DAMAGED WINDOWS

(5) SAG IN ROOF (6) MISSING BLANKS IN ELECTRICAL

PANEL (7) DAMAGE OR MISSING LIGHT FIXTURES

(8) SHEETROCK REPAIRS (NO PERMITS) (9) MISSING

ELECTRICAL OUTLET COVERS (10) DAMAGED INTERIOR

FINISHES (11) EVIDENCE OF ROOF LEAKS

(12) <sup>GAS</sup> WATER HEATER NOT INSTALLED PER CODE (T&P)

NOT PLUMBED, NO DRAIN PAN (13) DAMAGED FLOORS

(14) OPEN CEILING (15) FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

(16) MOLD (17) PARTS OF CEILING COLLAPSING

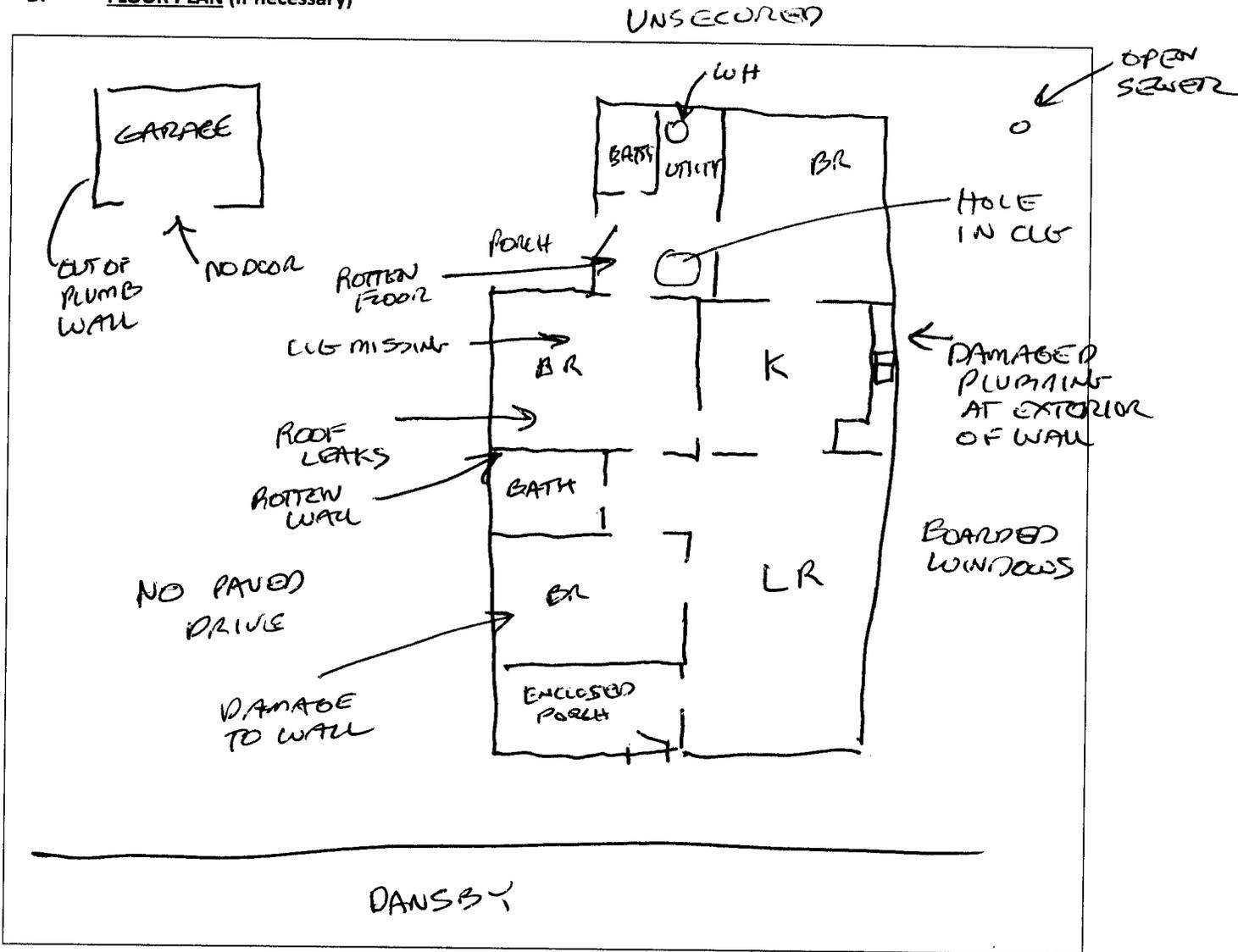
(18) GAS SPACE HEATERS (19) ROTTEN OVERHANGS (20) NO DRAIN EDGE

(21) DETACHED GARAGE - STRUCTURAL ISSUES, WIRING

NOT TO CODE, FOUNDATION ISSUES (22) OPEN YARD

SEWER

D. FLOOR PLAN (if necessary)



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 Gregory S. Cox

Printed Name Gregory S. Cox

Date 12-10-14



# 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 40% of the main structure is considered a loss.  
I estimate that 70% 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?

\_\_\_ 08. The building, structure, or a part thereof is being used by criminals, vagrants, or squatters for the purpose of suspected illegal activity.  
Main Structure? \_\_\_ Accessory Structure? \_\_\_

X 09. The building, structure, or a part thereof presents an attractive nuisance to children.  
Main Structure? X Accessory Structure? X

COMMENTS *open wiring*  
*collapsing roof*  
*sinking floor*

D. DETERMINATION

X 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 X remain unoccupied; and

B. \_\_\_ Be repaired OR (X) 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

*FARD TAYLOR / AFM*  
Printed Name/Title

*12-2-14*  
Date