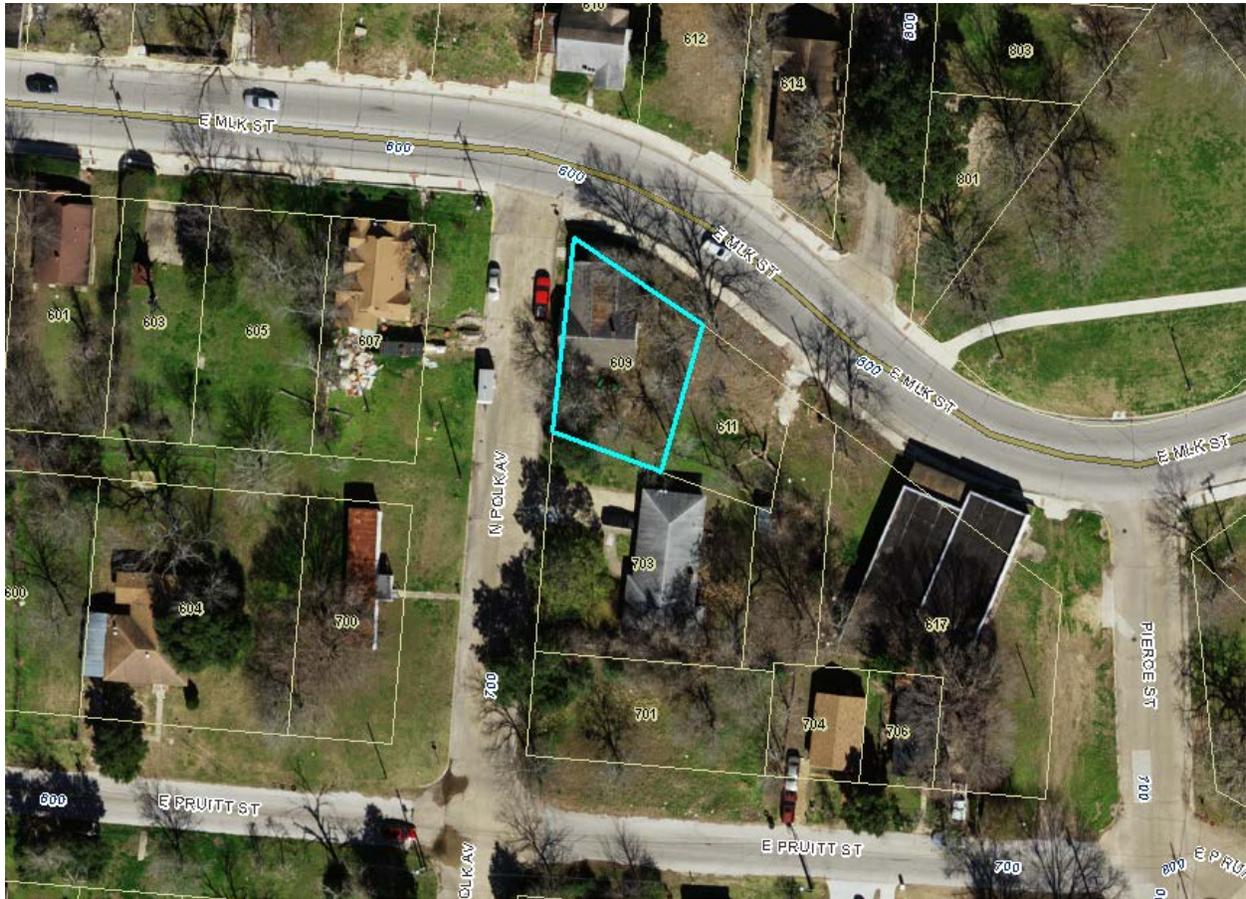


**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT**

**July 25, 2016**



**Case # 2078 – 609 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Street**



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** City of Bryan Townsite, Block 77 Lot 6 & 7 (pts of)  
**STRUCTURE(S):**  single-family residence  
 commercial  
**PROPERTY OWNER(S):** Jackson Tamara R  
**LIENHOLDER(S)/  
MORTGAGEE(S):** Midland Funding  
**ACTIVE UTILITIES:**  yes  no **DISCONNECTED ON:** 6/25/2015

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

**PROPERTY ID:** 22365  
**IMPROVEMENT VALUE:** \$46,180  
**YEAR BUILT:** 1940  
**SF OF LIVING AREA:** 744  
**CURRENT OWNER SINCE:** 11/17/2004  
**PROPERTY TAXES OWED:** None

**BACKGROUND:**

- In June 2014, the Assistant Fire Marshal and Chief Building Official spoke with owner's son about repairs needed to the structure.
- Repairs were never made, so the Chief Building Official scheduled the structure for consideration by the Commission.
- During its regular meeting on February 23, 2015, the Commission ordered to secure the building within 30 days and for the owner to allow City staff access and return at the next (March 23, 2015) regular meeting of the Commission with a detailed plan and timeline for repairs.
- During its regular meeting on March 23, 2015, the Commission issued an order for the owner to come back before the Commission during its regularly scheduled meeting in April 2015 with a detailed plan of repair, cost estimate, and timeline for repairs.
- During its regular meeting on April 27, 2015, the Commission voted to issue an order to repair the structure:
  - a. within 6 months in accordance with the schedule and timeline submitted by Mr. Adrian Williams during the April 27, 2015 meeting; and
  - b. that the power be disconnected from both the commercial and residential side, and a temporary pole be installed during construction; and
  - c. that the owner appear before the Commission at each regularly scheduled meeting to demonstrate compliance with the order.
- The building permit was prepared and ready for owner pick up on April 28, 2015. The owner did not

pick up the permit until June 2, 2015.

- All repairs were originally to be completed by end of October 2015.
- During the Commission's regular meeting on October 26, 2015, staff gave the following update:
  - No inspections have been called in.
  - No electrical, plumbing, or mechanical permits have been obtained.
  - Repair work has started. Major foundation work is taking place.
  - A temporary construction pole was placed on site several months ago, but a meter has still not been installed.

The Commission voted to approve an extension to the repair order by 90 days, giving the owner until the end of January 2016 to finish all repairs.

- The City's Chief Building Official and an inspector met with owner's son on site to view progress and take photos for this staff report on January 11, 2016.
- The foundation repair is about 90% complete. The electrical and plumber have substantially completed their rough in installation on the house. The mechanical contractor has placed a HVAC unit in the attic and a new exterior unit on the outside. The repairs to the commercial portion are still in progress to the foundation, floor framing, walls, roof, etc. There is attic/roof framing needing to be repaired in the house and finished on the commercial portion. The project is probably a little over 50% complete overall.
- A plumbing permit was obtained on January 11, 2016. A plumbing rough inspection was called in on January 15, 2016 and it was approved with exception on January 15, 2016. The exception was that framing repairs were still needed. A plumbing top out inspection was called in on January 12, 2016 and was disapproved due to framing repairs were still needed on January 21, 2016.
- During its regular meeting on January 25, 2016, the Commission voted to accept staff recommendation for repair and to extend the deadline again per the following:
  - **Extended the Repair order 90 days, and the owner is to appear back before the Commission at the April 25, 2016 regular meeting to show compliance with the order.**
- A mechanical permit was obtained by a licensed HVAC contractor on January 25, 2016. A mechanical rough in inspection was called in on February 3, 2016 and approved with exception on February 8, 2016. The exception was that framing repairs were still needed.
- During the January 25, 2016 hearing, it was noted that several walls were out of plumb significantly and the owner was notified that if walls could not be made plumb then a structural engineer needed to be hired to certify the walls were stable or note in detail what needed to be done to brace the structure. As of April 13, 2016, the walls in question have been made plumb again.
- The Commission was given an update at the April 25, 2016 regularly scheduled hearing. During this hearing the Commission voted to accept staff recommendation for repair and to extend the deadline again per the following:
  - **Extended the Repair order 90 days, and the owner is to appear back before the Commission at the July 25, 2016 regular meeting to show compliance with the order.**
- As of July 13, 2016 no additional formal inspections have been called in. Staff had visited with the son's owner in late June 2016 and observed some progress since last inspections and went over the inspection process. Owner and son were reminded of the July deadline to be completely finished with construction.
- Staff contends that while a little more progress has been made, the property is not currently in compliance with the Commission's order of January 25, 2016. If another extension is given, it will be the fourth extension to complete the repairs to this property.

- In July 2016, it was observed that the existing porch along E. MLK Street was removed and the new porch roof extends out further than the old porch roof. The city will need a copy of a survey from the owner to verify what needs to happen to be in compliance with city ordinances and to make sure the porch roof does not extend out past the property into city right of way or into a utility easement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**The City recommends that the Commission NOT issue a new order to the owner, lienholder, or mortgagee.**

On April 27, 2015, the Commission ordered the building repaired in 6 months, in accordance with the schedule provided by the owner. The repair was not completed.

On October 26, 2015, the owner was given 90 more days to complete the repair. It was not completed.

On January 25, 2016, the owner was given 90 more days to complete the repair. It was not completed.

On April 25, 2016, the owner was given 90 more days to complete the repair. It has not been completed.

**The City intends issue a citation to the owner for failing to comply with the Commission's previous order from April 25, 2016.**

**The City will continue to issue citations on a periodic basis until the repair is complete.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. pictures
2. dangerous structures survey reports

**PICTURES: 07-13-16**



Front facing N Polk.



Front facing corner of E. MLK and N. Polk.



Front facing E. MLK

**PICTURES: 04-13-16**



Front facing N Polk.



Front facing E. MLK.



Left side or rear



Left side or rear

**PICTURES: 01-11-16**



Photo of front of building from N Polk



Side wall not plumb



Side of house



New foundation framing/blocking



New interior framing, electrical rough in



New plumbing/ new interior wall framing



Unsecured commercial portion undergoing repairs



Re-leveling of commercial portion

**PICTURES: 10-08-15**



Front from N Polk Street



Front and side from E MLK.



Side from N Polk – wall not plumb



Chimney leaning/not plumb

**PICTURES: 8-12-15**



**PICTURES: 06-15-15**



No apparent changes since 4-20-15  
Power has been removed



No apparent changes since 4-20-15



Back window unsecured 7-15-15

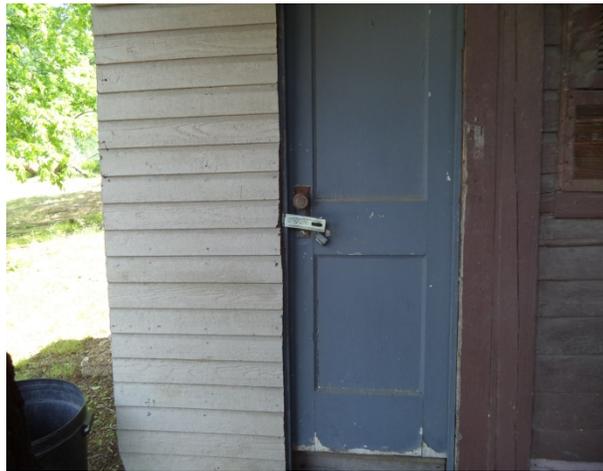


Tree fell 7-15-15

**PICTURES: 04-20-15**



Window to rest room is unsecured



Door to rest room unsecured.

**PICTURES: 01-07-15**



Structure has house facing N Polk Street



Structure has commercial building facing E. MLK

Ramp to street does not meet ADA



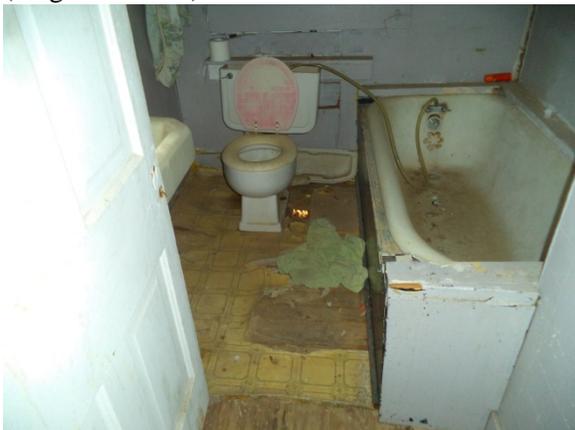
Missing porch roof support column and porch Foundation – signs of deflection in roof line

Older Deer Born Gas Heating



Older two prong plug electrical outlets (no ground wire)

Damaged/loose light fixture/fan



Hole in bath room floor, tub faucet supplying water to toilet

Electrical panel



Holes in rotten siding, some structural decay Behind in wall framing/foundation



Electrical service weather head pulling loose, damaged roof and siding.



Damaged siding, building addition supported by tree, rotten framing/foundation



Hole in floor by water heater.



Tree supporting porch roof, roof damaged.



Dangerous means of egress



Damaged porch roof and exterior walls

Photos taken 3-12-15:



Electrical service pulling loose, hole in roof



Electrical ground wire loose from ground rod



Broken window on house – unsecured



Un-secured front door on house



Open wall with damaged plumbing on house



Non ADA compliant ramp leading out into N Polk



Damaged, loose light switch



Siding damage, plumbing not to code, unsecured window



Damaged electrical, rotten walls, hole in roof



Damage to walls around sink



Damaged finishes, damaged electrical



Damaged ceiling and wall finishes from leaks



Damaged interior finishes from roof leaks



Rotten roof, non functional rest rooms



# Dangerous Structures Survey Report

Chief Building Official

Case # 2078

A. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 609 E Martin Luther King Jr Street, City of Bryan Townsite, Block 77, Lot 6 & 7 (pts of)

B. SPECIFICATIONS: No. Rooms 8+ 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:

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? X 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? X 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 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 11.

The building, structure, or a part thereof, is unsecured and open.

Main structure? X Accessory structure? \_\_\_\_\_

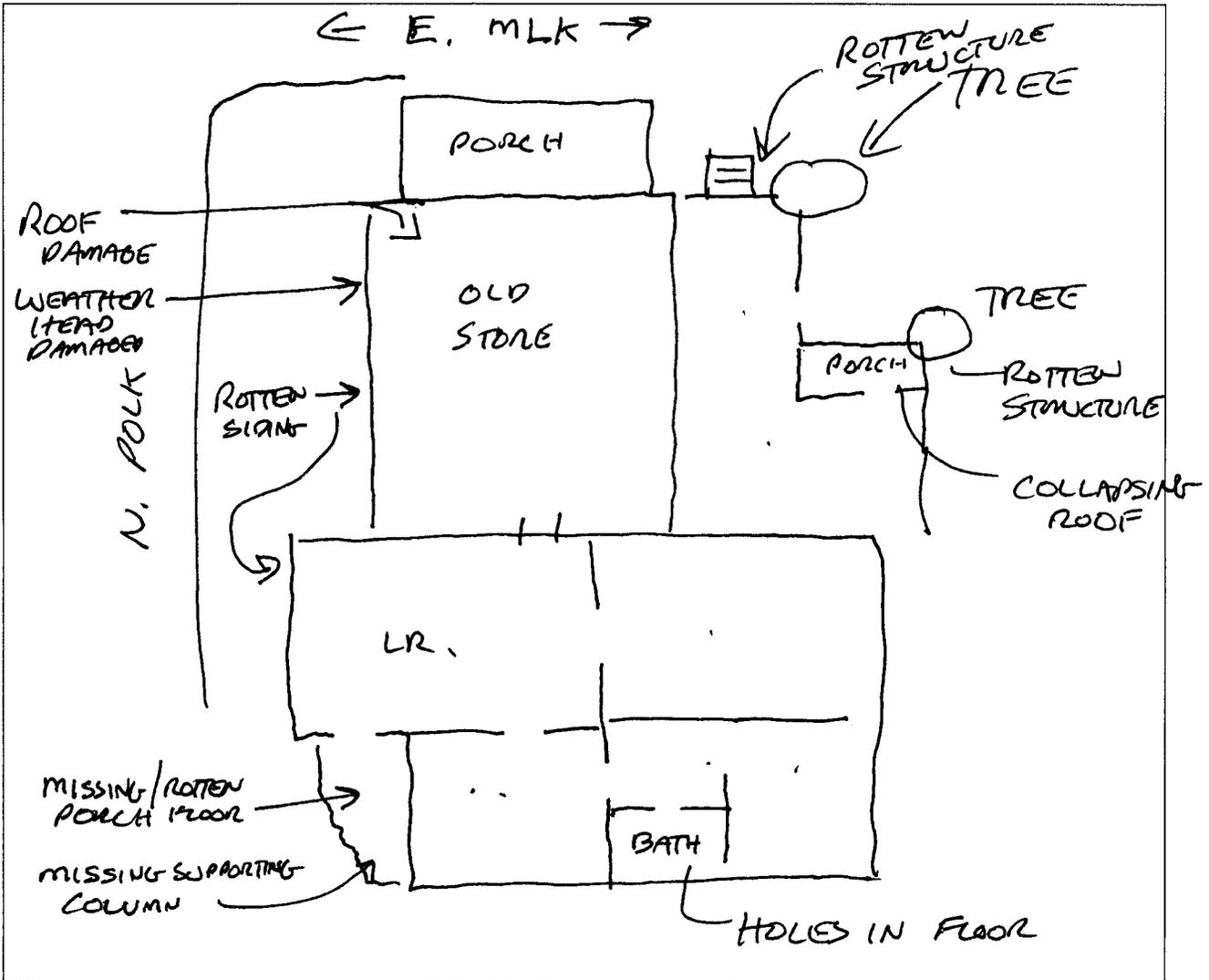
HOUSE

COMMENTS (1) FRONT DOOR OF HOUSE UNSECURED (2) ROTTEN SIDING (3) HOLES IN FLOOR (AT BATH AND AT WATER HEATER) (4) MISSING FRONT PORCH COLUMN (5) DAMAGED EXTERIOR WINDOWS (6) DAMAGED PORCH FLOOR (7) MISSING CRAWL SPACE SKIRTING (8) OLDER TWO PRONG PLUGS (2 WIRE SYSTEM) (9) ROTTEN BATH ROOM FLOOR (10) TOILET NOT WORKING (11) LOOSE ELECTRICAL FIXTURES (12) DAMAGED INTERIOR FINISHES

COMMERCIAL PORTION

(1) ROOF ROT & DAMAGED (2) TWO LOCATIONS WHERE TREES ARE SUPPORTING THE STRUCTURE (3) ROTTEN SIDING (4) WEATHER HEAD MISSING ANCHORS & PULLING THROUGH ROTTEN ROOF (5) MEANS OF EGRESS DOES NOT MEET CODE (6) COLLAPSING PORCH ROOF

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 *[Handwritten Signature]*

Printed Name *Gregory S. Cox*

Date *1-14-15*



# Dangerous Structures Survey Report

Fire Marshal

Case #2078

A. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 609 E Martin Luther King Jr Street, City of Bryan Townsite, Block 77, Lot 6 & 7 (pts of)

B. SPECIFICATIONS: No. Rooms \_\_\_\_\_ No. Stories 1 No. Structures 1

STRUCTURAL USE

CONSTRUCTION

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- Residential/Single Family  
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 Commercial  
 Residential/Multi Family  
 Accessory Structure

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 Frame  
 Masonry  
 Mobile Home

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 Open

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 50% of the main structure is considered a loss.  
I estimate that    % 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?   

COMMENTS Rotten walls  
unapproved elec system

itane \$9,820 -  
Heover \$23,790 -

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    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]  
Signature

Fred Taylor / DFM  
Printed Name/Title

1-20-15  
Date