

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-195

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 3, 1999

Request Council authorization for the Legal Department to seek legal action against the owner, David J. Kopaska, to abate the nuisance at 1506 Arthur Avenue.

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC NUISANCE
AT 1506 ARTHUR
AVENUE

FISCAL IMPACT -

Estimated demolition costs are \$1,500. All costs associated with this action are intended to be collected from the owner by means of a personal judgement or assessed against the real estate.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

This action addresses an accessory structure to an owner-occupied residential property. The accessory structure is a dilapidated garage suffering severe deterioration, including load bearing walls that lean more than 18 degrees out of plumb, a roof with a hole in the west side, decay of shingles and siding, and non-functional overhead door. The structure is in danger of collapsing onto adjacent property. The owner has been notified that it constitutes a public nuisance and that it must be abated through repair or demolition.

The owner of this property, Mr. Kopaska, and the tax sale buyer, Mooring Tax Asset Group XXVI L.L.C., have been served with notice to repair or demolish this structure within 30 days of the notice date. No response to this notice has been received.

An inspection of this property on April 26, 1999, found that no improvements have been made.

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