

CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
Office of Legal
Community Development Department

TO: Mayor and Council Members
Phil Delafield, Acting Director
Community Development

DATE: September 10, 2010

FROM: Cheryl Tillinghast
Legal Assistant

SUBJECT: Board of Health
September 13, 2010

AUTHORIZING

1. The Legal Department to proceed with court action for authority to abate the public nuisance at the following locations:

(A) **2605 Lincoln Avenue, garage structure, Titleholders: Paul Ekanem and Frances Evans Ekanem; Mortgage Holder: Equicredit Corporation**

- 08/04/09 The garage structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance.
- 08/17/09 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholders Paul Ekanem and Frances Evans Ekanem
- 05/26/10 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Mortgage Holder Equicredit Corporation
- 09/10/10 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance. Inspector reports that the foundation of the garage is still unsupported as shown in the photo taken 11/18/09. Vegetation in photos taken 9/10/10 make it difficult to see the foundation.

(B) **2916 E. 36th Street, garage structure, Titleholders: Steve Paxston and Brenda Trude**

- 04/23/10 The garage structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance.
- 05/19/10 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder Brenda L. Trude
- 07/02/10 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder Steve Paxston
- 09/08/10 The property was re-inspected and the garage structure was found to remain a public nuisance.

(C) 4813 SW 5th Street, main structure, Titleholder: Tommy W. Current

- 05/28/10 The structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance.
- 06/23/10 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on the Titleholder Tommy W. Current
- 09/10/10 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance. The property remains in the same condition as shown in the picture taken on 8/18/10 which is attached.

COMMUNICATION:

2. Regarding demolition cost reserve being held by Shelter Insurance Companies.

07/26/10 Shelter Insurance Companies notified the City of Des Moines that a demolition cost reserve in the amount of \$10,000.00 has been established for the property located at 2015 Motley Street. This property sustained fire damage on 06/12/2010.

cc: Bruce Bergman
Vicky Long Hill
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