

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

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

DATE: October 20, 2011

FROM: Cheryl Tillinghast
Legal Assistant

SUBJECT: Board of Health
October 24, 2011

AUTHORIZING:

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

(A) **1839 E. Grand Avenue**, main structure and garage structure, Titleholder: Timothy L. Zender (deceased) and All Known and Unknown Heirs

3/21/2011 The main structure and garage structure were inspected and found to be a public nuisance. Interior pictures were taken at this time.

8/05/2011 The Public Nuisance Notice was served via publication re Titleholder Timothy L. Zender (deceased) and All Known and Unknown Heirs

10/18/2011 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance. Inspector reports property is vacant. City has received no applications for permits.

(B) **2359 E. Grand Avenue**, commercial property, main structure, Titleholder: Stan Gruen

7/11/2011 The main structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance.

7/14/2011 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder Stan Gruen

10/18/2011 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance.

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(C) **2400 E. Grand Avenue**, commercial property, fire-damaged main structure, Titleholder: Chris Belcher

5/25/2011 The fire-damaged main structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance.

8/02/2011 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder Chris Belcher

10/18/2011 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance.

(D) **1809 Larnard Drive**, main structure and garage structure,
Titleholder: Charles E. Karns, Mortgage Holder: J.P. Morgan Chase

11/17/2010 The main structure and garage structure were inspected and found to be a public nuisance.

1/26/2011 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder Charles E. Karns

9/09/2011 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on the Mortgage Holder JP Morgan Chase

10/18/2011 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance.

(E) **1989 SW 9th Street**, collapsed retaining wall, Titleholder: Federal National Mortgage Association

06/09/2011 The retaining wall was inspected and found to be a public nuisance.

07/27/2011 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder Federal National Mortgage Association

10/20/2011 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance.

(F) **2821 SW 9th Street**, commercial property, main structure,
Titleholder: Williams-Wilbert Vault Works, Inc.

02/15/2011 The main structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance.

07/14/2011 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder Williams-Wilbert Vault Works, Inc.

10/20/2011 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance.

COMMUNICATION:

2. Regarding demolition cost reserve being held by State Farm Insurance Companies.

10/06/2011 State Farm Insurance Companies notified the City of Des Moines that a demolition cost reserve in the amount of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the damages, whichever is greater, has been established for the property located at 1954 East Bell Avenue. This property sustained fire damage on 9/25/2011.

cc: Jeff Lester
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