

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

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

DATE: October 1, 2014

FROM: Victoria Cresta  
Legal Assistant

SUBJECT: Board of Health  
October 6, 2014

**AUTHORIZING:**

1. The Engineering Department to proceed with administrative removal to abate the public nuisance at the following location:
  - (A) **2934 Cottage Grove Avenue**, fire-damaged main structure, request for administrative removal, Titleholder: Thomas M Ekstrand (deceased); Heir: Ivy Cochran aka Ivy Ekstrand

08/14/2014 The main structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance. Interior pictures were taken at this time. As seen in the photos taken on this day, the upper part of the structure is in danger of collapsing. The inspector determined at this time that an administrative removal should be requested.

08/18/2014 Notice of administrative removal was sent to Heir, Ivy Cochran aka Ivy Ekstrand.

09/02/2014 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Heir, Ivy Cochran aka Ivy Ekstrand.

09/19/2014 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance. Inspector reports no permits have been requested and no progress toward abatement.

09/30/2014 As of this date, the Heir has had no communication with either the Legal Department or the Neighborhood Inspection Division regarding the property.

cc: Jeff Lester  
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