



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

37D

Date May 20, 2024

ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 401 E GRAY STREET

WHEREAS, the property located at 401 E Gray Street, Des Moines, Iowa, was inspected by representatives of the City of Des Moines who determined that the main structure in its present condition constitutes not only a menace to health and safety but is also a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Titleholders, Rickey L. Powell and Debra K. Powell, were notified more than thirty days ago to repair or demolish the main structure and as of this date have failed to abate the nuisance.

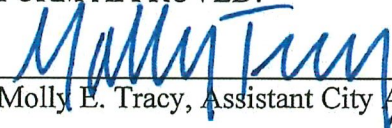
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA:

The main structure on the real estate legally described as the North Half of the West Half of Lot 63, CRAWFORD PLACE, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, and locally known as 401 E Gray Street, has previously been declared a public nuisance;

The City Legal Department is hereby authorized to file an action in district court to obtain a decree ordering the abatement of the public nuisance, and should the owner(s) fail to abate the nuisance, as ordered, that the matter may be referred to the Department of Engineering which will take all necessary action to demolish and remove said structure.

Moved by _____ to adopt.
Second by _____

FORM APPROVED:


Molly E. Tracy, Assistant City Attorney

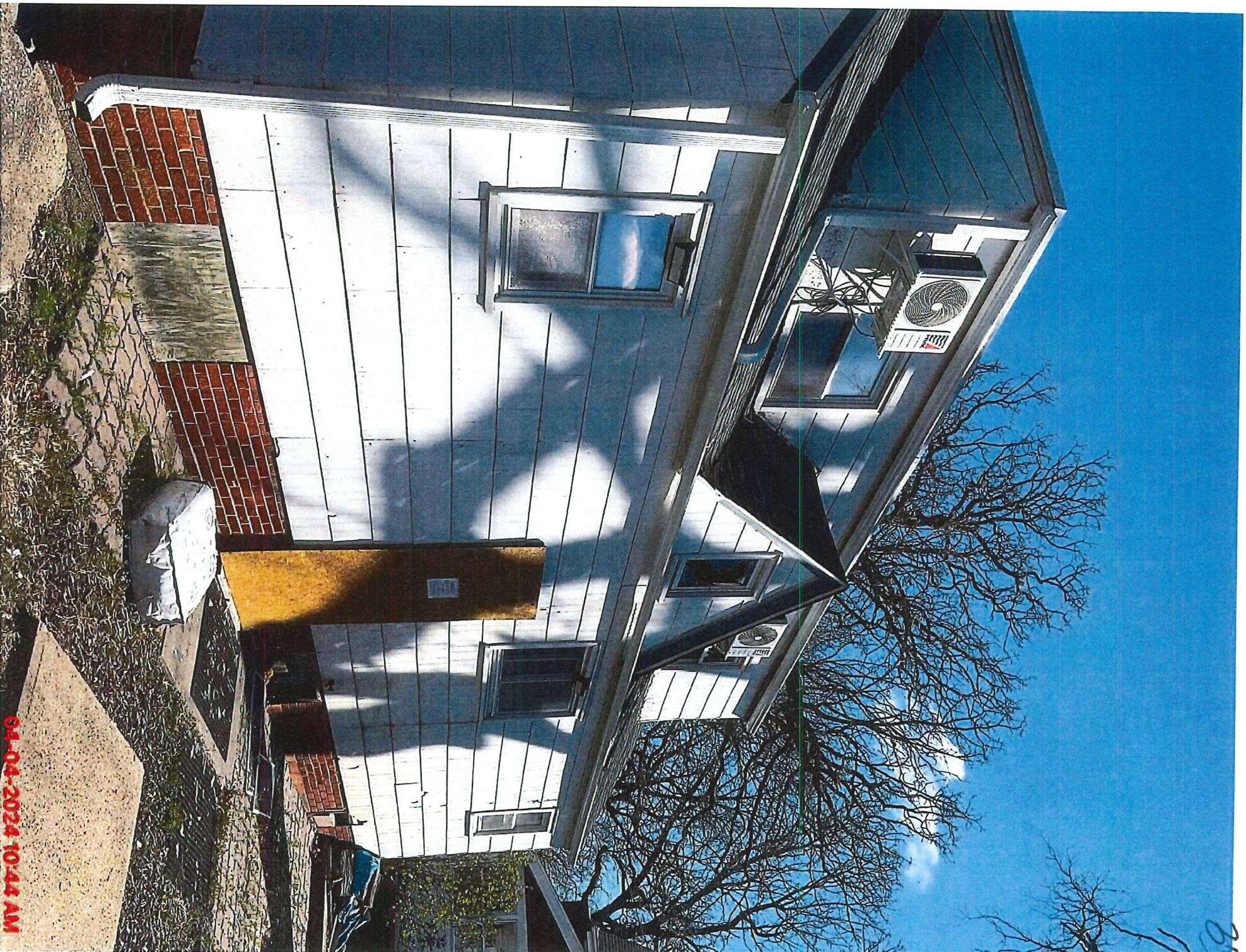
COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
COLEMAN				
WESTERGAARD				
MANDELBAUM				
GATTO				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		
_____ Mayor				

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

_____ City Clerk



04-04-2024 10:44 AM

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04-04-2024 10:43 AM

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Polk County Assessor

111 Court Avenue #195
Des Moines, IA 50309-0904

(515) 286-3014 Fax (515) 286-3386
polkweb@assess.co.polk.ia.us

Location					
Address	401 E GRAY ST				
City	DES MOINES	Zip	50315	Jurisdiction	Des Moines
District/Parcel	010/01142-000-000	Geoparcels	7824-15-127-009	Status	Active
School	Des Moines	Nbhd/Pocket	DM26/Z	Tax Authority Group	DEM-C-DEM-770131
Submarket	South Des Moines	Appraiser	Joseph Peterson 515-286-3011		

Map and Current Photos - 1 Record

Use Cyclomedia Panorama -

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E GRAY ST

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[County GIS](#)
[Auditor](#)
[Google Map](#)
[Pictometry](#)

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[Historical Photos](#)

Ownership - 2 Records

Ownership	Num	Name	Recorded	Book/Page
Title Holder	1	POWELL, RICKEY L	2002-03-18	9105/819
Title Holder	2	POWELL, DEBRA K		

Legal Links For Subdivisions, Condominiums, and Plats of Survey

[CRAWFORD PLACE](#)

Legal Description and Mailing Address

N 1/2 W 1/2 LT 63 CRAWFORD PLACE	RICKEY L POWELL 1197 69 HWY OSCEOLA, IA 50213
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Current Values

Type	Class	Kind	Land	Bldg	Total
2023 Value	Residential	Full	\$24,900	\$98,700	\$123,600

[Market Adjusted Cost Report](#)

Zoning - 1 Record			
Zoning	Description	SF	Assessor Zoning
N3B	N3b Neighborhood District		Residential

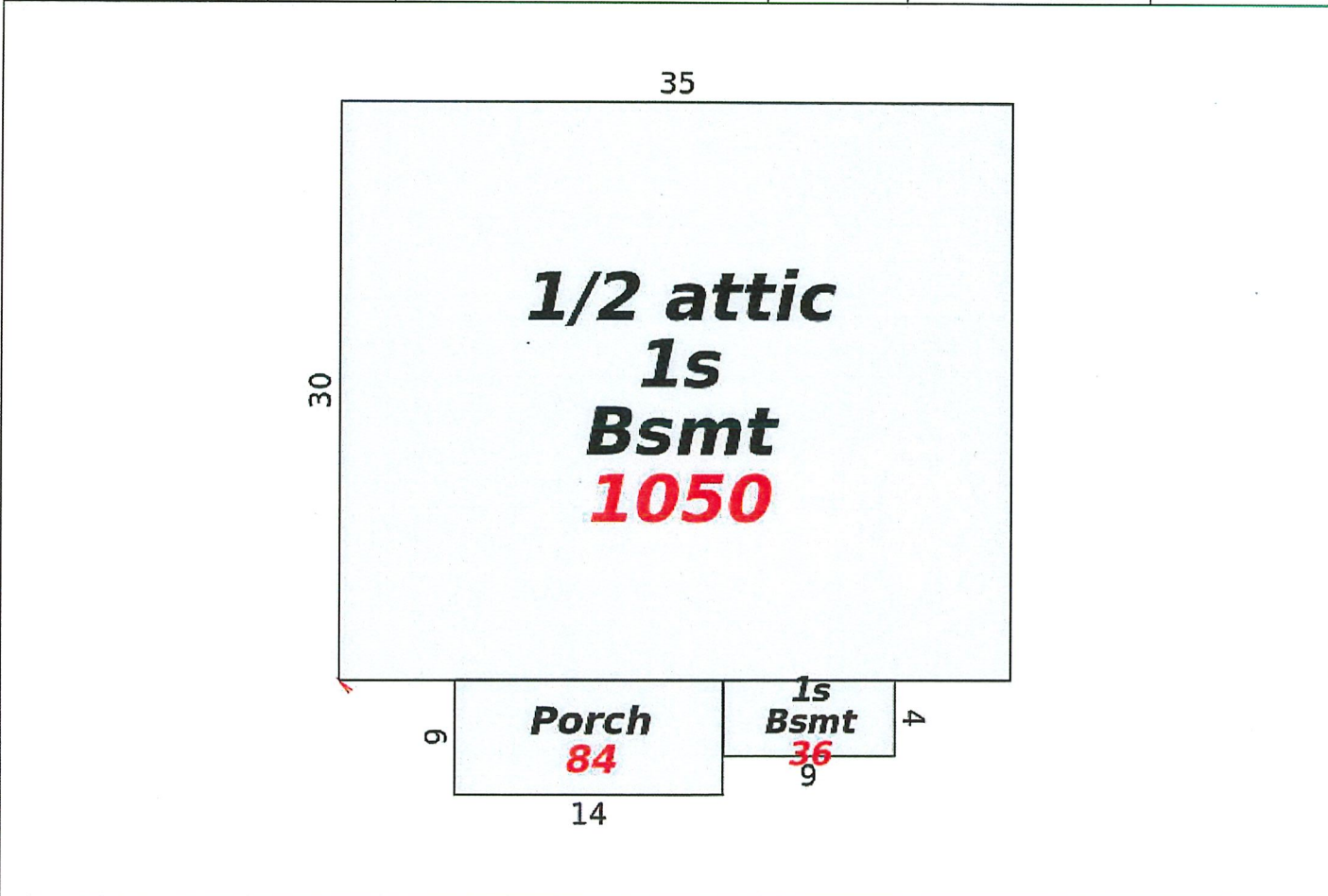
City of Des Moines Community Development Planning and Urban Design 515 283-4182 (2012-03-20)

Land					
Square Feet	10,880	Acres	0.25	Frontage	80
Depth	136	Topography	Normal	Shape	Rectangle
Vacancy	No	Unbuildable	No		

Residences - 1 Record

Residence #id=1

Occupancy	Single Family	Residence Type	1 Story Finished Attic	Building Style	Conventional
Year Built	1938	Number Families	1	Grade	4+00
Condition	Below Normal	Total Square Foot Living Area	1454	Main Living Area	1086
Attic Finished Area	368	Basement Area	1086	Open Porch Area	84
Foundation	Brick	Exterior Wall Type	Asbestos	Roof Type	Gable
Roof Material	Asphalt Shingle	Heating	Gas Forced Air	Air Conditioning	0
Number Bathrooms	1	Bedrooms	4	Rooms	7



Sales - 1 Record

Seller	Buyer	Sale Date	Sale Price	Instrument	Book/Page
POWELL, MARVIN F ESTATE	POWELL, RICKEY L.	2002-03-01	\$50,000	Deed	9105/819

Permits - 1 Record

Year	Type	Permit Status	Application	Reason	Reason1
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Year	Type	Permit Status	Application	Reason	Reason1
2004	Pickup	Cancel	2003-12-11	Review Value	BOARD OF REVIEW

Historical Values

Yr	Type	Class	Kind	Land	Bldg	Total
2023	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$24,900	\$98,700	\$123,600
2021	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$20,300	\$77,900	\$98,200
2019	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$17,700	\$68,800	\$86,500
2017	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$15,900	\$63,900	\$79,800
2015	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$14,500	\$59,700	\$74,200
2013	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$14,800	\$63,000	\$77,800
2011	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$14,800	\$63,600	\$78,400
2009	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$15,500	\$67,100	\$82,600
2007	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$15,600	\$70,100	\$85,700
2005	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$16,700	\$61,600	\$78,300
2003	Board Action	Residential	Full	\$15,590	\$58,190	\$73,780
2003	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$15,590	\$69,360	\$84,950
2001	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$14,350	\$61,440	\$75,790
1999	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$14,190	\$48,170	\$62,360
1997	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$12,640	\$42,890	\$55,530
1995	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$11,490	\$38,990	\$50,480
1993	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$10,740	\$36,440	\$47,180
1991	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$9,760	\$33,130	\$42,890
1991	Was Prior Year	Residential	Full	\$9,760	\$30,120	\$39,880

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City of Des Moines
400 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

Case Number: NUIS-2024-000027	
Notice of Violation	Case Type: Public Nuisance
	Case Opened: 02/05/2024
	Date of Notice: 02/09/2024
	Date of Inspection: 02/05/2024

DEBRA K POWELL
1197 69 HWY
OSCEOLA IA 50213

Address of Property: 401 E GRAY ST, DES MOINES IA 50315
Parcel Number: 782415127009

Legal Description: N 1/2 W 1/2 LT 63 CRAWFORD PLACE

Upon inspection of the property located at and locally known as the Address of Property shown above, located in Des Moines, Iowa, ("Property"), there was/were found to be violation(s) of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa. It has been determined from that inspection that the dwelling currently constitutes a danger to health and safety to the public and is a public nuisance.

We are notifying you that you have the **time set out in this notice (below under "Compliance Due Date")** to abate the following violation(s) and complete the required remedial action.

VIOLATION(S)

Violation	Corrective Action	Compliance Due Date
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<p>60-191 - Vacation and Abatement Any structure, dwelling, mobile home, equipment, or premise declared to be a public nuisance and unfit for human habitation or use, and so designated by the administrator, shall immediately be vacated and the nuisance shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or any other City-approved corrective action. The owner(s) shall be responsible for the vacation and abatement of the nuisance at such owner's expense. If not complied by such owner(s), then the nuisance may be abated by the city at the owner's expense. As indicated by section 60-19, the owner of land upon which a mobile home sits is a responsible owner in the event that mobile home is declared to be a public nuisance. Both the owner of the mobile home and the owner of the land upon which the mobile home sits shall be responsible for vacation and abatement of the public nuisance.</p>	Vacate the structure.	04/09/2024
<p>60-192(7) - Unsafe and Dangerous Structure or Premise Any structure that the administrator determines is unfit for human occupancy meaning that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment required by this code, or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or to the public.</p>	Repair structure to a safe, sanitary condition. Provide all required elements of light, ventilation and essential equipment. All work must be done in a workmanlike manner with all required permits.	04/09/2024
<p>60-192(13) - Unsafe and Dangerous Structure or Premise Structural members that have evidence of deterioration or that are not capable of safely supporting all nominal loads and load affects.</p>	Repair or replace all structural members, floors, walls, partitions, projections, and appurtenances to be properly anchored, plumb, and of sound construction. All work must be done in a workmanlike manner with all required permits.	04/09/2024

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<p>60-192(24) - Unsafe and Dangerous Structure or Premise Mechanical equipment, appliances, fireplaces, boilers, solid fuel-burning appliances, cooking appliances and water heating appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe working condition and shall be capable of performing the intended function.</p>	<p>Provide an inspection report from a licensed mechanical contractor for all mechanical systems and appliances. Repair or replace all deficient elements and equipment. All work must be done in a workmanlike manner with all required permits.</p>	04/09/2024
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Thank you for your help,

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