



**Roll Call Number**

14-0580

**Agenda Item Number**  
**BDH 1(C)**

**Date** April 7, 2014

WHEREAS, the property located at 1941 Francis Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, was inspected by representatives of the City of Des Moines who determined that the fire-damaged structure in its present condition constitutes not only a menace to health and safety but is also a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Titleholders William Nelson and Caryl Sundland were notified via publication and the Contract Buyers Erin L. Massman f/k/a Erin Reifschneider, Heather Conner, James Roper, Jeanette Miller, and Abram Swoboda were notified via personal service and/or publication more than thirty days ago to repair or demolish the 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, AND SITTING AS THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH:

The fire-damaged structure on the real estate legally described as Lot 25 in GASTON'S SUBDIVISION, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, and locally known as 1941 Francis Avenue, 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 owners 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 Gatto to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Vicky Long Hill  
Vicky Long Hill, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, 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.

T. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk