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Agenda Item Number

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Date May 22, 2023

ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 503 E WATROUS AVENUE

WHEREAS, the property located at 503 E Watrous Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, was inspected by representatives of the City of Des Moines who determined that the garage structure in its present condition constitutes not only a menace to health and safety but is also a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Titleholders, Paulete R. Fields and All Known and Unknown Heirs of Dorothy J. Bussanmas, were notified more than thirty days ago to repair or demolish the garage 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 garage structure on the real estate legally described as Lot 37 in YODER ACRES (except the West 12.8 feet), an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, and locally known as 503 E Watrous 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 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 garage structure.

Moved by Gatto to adopt.  
Second by Boesen

FORM APPROVED:

Molly E. Tracy  
Molly E. Tracy, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	1			
BOESEN	1			
GATTO	1			
SHEUMAKER				1
MANDELBAUM	1			
VOSS	1			
WESTERGAARD	1			
TOTAL	6			1

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.

J. M. Frank  
Mayor

Laura Baumgartner  
City Clerk