

**Roll Call Number**26-073**Agenda Item Number**29Date January 12, 2026**ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 3244 E. UNIVERSITY AVE.**

WHEREAS, the property located at 3244 E. University Ave., 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 Titleholder, Jose C. Lara Cervantes, was notified more than thirty days ago to repair or demolish the main structure and as of this date has 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 East 40 feet of Lot 21 in Block "E" in GRAY HEIGHTS, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, also that part of the South ½ of alley lying North of and adjacent to the East 40 feet of said Lot 21, and locally known as 3244 E. University Ave., has previously been declared a public nuisance;

The City Legal Department, through Special Counsel Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., 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 Gatto to adopt.

Second by Voss

FORM APPROVED:

Kristine Stone, Special Counsel
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BARRON	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		

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.

Mayor

City Clerk