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Date Feb. 23, 2026

ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 3014 SCOTT AVE

WHEREAS, the property located at 3014 Scott 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, the Estate of Merrill F. Hawkins III, 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 Lot 51 and the West 13 feet of Lot 50 in FAIRFIELD, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, and locally known as 3014 Scott 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

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

Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include BOESEN, SIMONSON, GATTO, MANDELBAUM, BARRON, VOSS, WESTERGAARD, and TOTAL.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Connie Boesen

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.

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk