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907 Fayette St.



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Structures:

The Building Inspections Office has compiled a list of all known structures inside the City of Martinsville that should be razed and removed due to abandonment, deterioration, and/or damage. 28 properties were identified. There are 15 structures that were open/unsecured at the time of inspection. All of these structures showed signs of vandalism and most had evidence that someone is illegally occupying the structure on a regular basis. Of all structures on the list, these are the most dangerous and are our highest priority. The remaining 13 structures are considered attractive nuisances. They were secure at the time of inspection but display signs of deterioration and decay. Some have obvious structural deficiencies that will lead to concerns of collapse if left in their current condition.

Cost:

An estimate to demolish all 28 structures would be between \$140,000 and \$200,000.

Timeline:

To demolish a structure, we notify the owner of record that they have 30 days to raze and remove or provide our office with a plan of action to restore the structure to a habitable condition. The notice is sent certified mail and posted to the property. If a reasonable plan of action is agreed upon by the owner and our office, the owner can begin repairing the structure. We will proceed with demolition if a plan of action cannot be provided or there is no contact from the owner. The City Attorney's office conducts a title search to identify all parties of interest. We must advertise in the paper once a week for 2 consecutive weeks of our intent to demolish. During the bid process, our office makes the contacts to secure all utilities. The bid is awarded and the winning contractor has 30 days to demolish the property. From beginning to end the process takes 4-6 months.

Budget:

The budget line for demolitions currently has \$21,900. We could demolish 4-6 properties depending on the bids we receive.

Goal:

The goal of this office is safety, code compliance, and revitalization. That is the criteria used in determining priority.

These properties have been deteriorating for years. They are unsafe for citizens in the neighborhood where they are located and for anyone that enters them. They diminish the property values, provide a harborage for infestation, and most violate all codes and ordinances for property maintenance.



507 Third St.



509 Swanson St.



519 Fayette St.



606 Third St.



615 Parkview St.



707 Smith St.