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**RESOLUTION NO. ____**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1603 CHANDLER STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the buildings and structures whose location is set forth herein are vacant and have become run down, dilapidated, unsightly, dangerous, obnoxious, unsafe, not fit for human habitation and detrimental to the public welfare of North Little Rock citizens and residents; and

WHEREAS, the condition of such property constitutes a serious fire and health hazard to the City of North Little Rock, and unless immediate actions are taken to remedy this situation by removing, razing and abating said nuisance, there is a great likelihood that the surrounding property may be destroyed by fire originating from such unsafe and hazardous structures, and also that since structures are without proper sanitary facilities and as such are unsafe and hazardous and a breeding place for rats, rodents and other dangerous germ carriers of diseases, such buildings constitute a serious hazard to the health and safety of the citizens of North Little Rock, and they should be moved or razed for the purpose of eliminating such hazards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council hereby declares the buildings, houses and other structures located at the property identified in Section 2 below to be vacant and run down, dilapidated, unsafe, unsightly, dangerous, obnoxious, unsanitary, a fire hazard, a menace to abutting properties, with the current condition of said structures not being fit for human habitation; and because of such conditions, the City Council declares the same to be condemned as a public nuisance and is ordered abated, removed or razed by the owner thereof.

SECTION 2: That the owner of record of the following described property is hereby directed to raze the same or otherwise abate the said nuisance within thirty (30) days after the posting of a true copy of this Resolution at a conspicuous place upon the structure constituting the nuisance described herein, to-wit:

Lot 7, Block 7, Holt's Industrial Subdivision in the City of North Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas (Parcel No. 33N2570010000 located at 1603 Chandler Street and owned by Keith Simmons).

SECTION 3: If the aforementioned structures have not been razed and/or removed within thirty (30) days after posting a true copy of this Resolution at a conspicuous place upon the structures constituting the nuisance, or the nuisance otherwise abated, the structures shall be torn

down and/or removed by the Director of Code Enforcement or his duly designated representative. Each day after the aforesaid thirty (30) days in which said nuisance is not abated shall constitute a separate and distinct offense punishable by a fine of $250.00 for each such separate and distinct offense.

SECTION 4: That the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/cf

FILED 10:50 A.M. _____ P.M.
By Amy Fields, CA
DATE 2-18-20

**Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector**
**North Little Rock, Arkansas**

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

January 21, 2020

Mayor Smith
City Council Members

Re: 1603 Chandler
Lot 7 Block 7 Holts Industrial
Parcel 33N2570010000
North Little Rock, AR 72114

Owner: Keith Simmons
Little Rock, AR

Dear Mayor Smith;

November 2019 our office received notice from the NLR Fire Department that there was a structure fire at the property. I conducted an exterior inspection finding the structure was unsafe for human habitation. Owners of record were mailed notice of public nuisance and a request for an interior inspection.

This structure has been vacant with the electric meter removed since June 2019 according to North Little Rock utility department.

November 2019 Mr. Simmons contact the office after receiving the letter of Public Nuisance. Mr. Simmons had no idea the property had burned I advised him to secure the property and decide what he was going to do with the structure. There was no further response from Mr. Simmons.

December 13th 2019 a citation to appear in court for January 20th 2020 was mailed certified mail restricted delivery to Mr. Simmons the citation was never picked up.

Notice of City Council scheduled for February 24th, 2020 hearing date was mailed by certified and regular mail to all interested parties and posted to the premises. Notice of hearing was also ran in local newspaper.

The structure is considered to be unfit for human habitation and also a public nuisance, it is the recommendation of the North Little Rock Code Enforcement Department that this structure be considered for condemnation.

Laura Petty
Code Enforcement Officer