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RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 304 NORTH PALM 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 5, Block 16 of the Choctaw Addition to the City of North Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas (Parcel No. 33N3180003600 located at 304 North Palm Street and owned by William Brockman.).

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/kt

FILED 11:15 A.M. _____ P.M.
By Amy Fields GA
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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
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CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

September 24, 2020

Mayor Smith
City Council Members

Re: 304 North Palm
Lot 5 Block 16 Sub: Choctaw
City of North Little Rock, AR

Owners: William Brockman
North Little Rock, AR

Dear Mayor Smith;

On July 15, 2020 Officer Cedric Williams started an investigation in 304 North Palm due numerous complaints regarding the conditions of the property and the owner being recently deceased. On July 30, 2020 Officer Cedric Williams conducted an exterior inspection which showed several housing Code Violations.

On August 7, 2020 Officer Ward Reese Red Tagged 304 North Palm and attached a Notice of City Council Hearing to the front door. On August 12, 2020 Code Enforcement was contacted by William Brockman Sr. and he agreed to meet with Felecia McHenry and Officer Ward Reese at the property and allowed pictures to be taken of the inside. Due to the unsafe condition of the floors and ceiling, we were only able to take pictures from just outside the front door. To-date the property remains in the same condition.

The condemnation procedures were started due to the condition of the house. Owners and/or heirs and all interested parties were given notice of City Council for the October 26, 2020 Hearing date. Notices were mailed by certified and regular mail, legal notice ran in the newspaper, and were also posted on the property. This structure is considered to be unfit for human habitation.

This property constitutes a public nuisance; it is the recommendation of the North Little Rock Code Enforcement Department that this structure be considered for condemnation.

Felecia McHenry
Code Enforcement Supervisor