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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 5815 MACARTHUR DRIVE 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:

> The East 200 feet of all that Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 12 West which lies south of the South Boundary of State Highway No. 365 and north of the North Right-of-Way of the Missouri Pacific Railroad in Pulaski County, Arkansas (Parcel No. 33N0800005400 located at 5815 MacArthur Drive and owned by Charles Zajac).

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 her 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 Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

Terry C. Hartwick

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kt

FILED 10:52 A.M. _____ P.M.
By City Atty Amy Fields
DATE 7-20-21

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

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CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

June 16, 2021

Mayor Hartwick
City Council Members

Re: 5815 MacArthur Drive
Lot Block Sub: 2N-12-16
E200' OF TH PT SW NW S OF S R/W HWY 65& N OF N R/W MOP 16-2N-12W
City of North Little Rock, AR

Owners: Charles Zajac
North Little Rock, AR

Dear Mayor Hartwick;

March 2021, responding to a complaint, Officer Ward Reese inspected a property at 5815 MacArthur Drive. This building has been vacant for some time and has sustained damage from a vehicle running into the structure. This property has been vacant since March 2006 according to North Little Rock Utility Department. The property has also been certified to the State Land Office due to delinquent taxes.

Officer Ward Reese started an investigation into 5815 MacArthur Drive due to the conditions of the property. Officer Reese has made contact with owners of record who have stated they will try to have the structure demolished before the City Council hearing date.

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 July 26, 2021 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.

Ward Reese
Code Enforcement Officer