

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 215 WEST D AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, 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, noxious, 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, noxious, 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 1 AND THE WEST 50 FEET OF LOTS 25 & 26, BLOCK 27 OF THE PARK HILL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS (PARCEL NO. 33N0180419000 LOCATED AT 215 WEST D AVENUE AND OWNED BY JOHN PATRICK HARDEMAN, SR. C/O DEBRA HARDEMAN).

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:

ATTEST:

TERRY C. HARTWICK
Mayor Terry C. Hartwick *by AF*

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kt

FILED	<u>11:00</u>	A.M.	_____	P.M.
By	<u>Amy Fields</u>			
DATE	<u>7/16/24</u>			
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas				
RECEIVED BY	<u>[Signature]</u>			

The City of North Little Rock

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CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

June 3, 2024

Mayor Hartwick
City Council Members

Re: 215 W. D Avenue
Lot: W 50 FT of 25 & 26 Block: 27 Sub: Park Hill 4N
City of North Little Rock, AR

Owners: John Patrick Hardeman Sr.
C/O Debra Hardeman
Austin, AR

Dear Mayor Hartwick;

June 2019 Officer C. Williams started an investigation into the above listed address after receiving complaints from neighbors regarding the possible deterioration of the structure. Officer Williams met with the owners and conducted an interior inspection which showed the house was full of debris, officer Williams advised the owner he needed to remove some of the debris in order to conduct an inspection of the entire house and inspection was only able to be made in one room.

On February 13th, 2024, North Little Rock Code Enforcement Officer Timothy McEuen began an investigation into 215 W. D Avenue. North Little Rock Code Enforcement was familiar with the interior and exterior condition of the residence due to earlier housing inspections. Officer McEuen verified the structure was vacant so he performed an exterior inspection. Officer McEuen observed damage to the siding, soffit, and fascia. On February 26th, 2024, Officer McEuen met with family members of the owner, and an interior inspection was performed. The status of the structure was unchanged. The interior has significant damage Ceilings collapsed, flooring issues through- out the structure making it uninhabitable.

The condemnation proceedings were started due to the condition of the structure. Owners and/or heirs and all interested parties were given notice for the City Council hearing for July 22nd, 2024. Notices were mailed by certified and regular mail, legal notice ran in the newspaper, and were also posted on the property.

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.

Timothy McEuen
Code Enforcement Officer