

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1405 WEST 21ST STREET 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 9, BLOCK 1 OF THE HIRSCHS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS (PARCEL NO. 33N2470000900 LOCATED AT 1405 WEST 21ST STREET AND OWNED BY KENNETH HURT C/O KENNETH HURT, JR. AND JUDITH HURT).

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 AT*

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	10:40	A.M.	_____	P.M.
By	Amy Fields CA			
DATE	9-17-24			
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

July 31st, 2024

Mayor Hartwick
City Council Members

Re: 1405 W. 21st. Street
Lot: 9 Block: 1 Sub: Hirscheys Sub
City of North Little Rock, AR

Owners: Kenneth Hurt Sr.
C/o Kenneth Hurt Jr. and Judith Hurt
Little Rock, AR

Dear Mayor Hartwick;

On May 24th, 2024, North Little Rock Code Enforcement Officer Timothy McEuen began an investigation into 1405 W. 21st due to observed conditions of the structure and the overgrown grass/weeds as well. Officer McEuen verified the structure was vacant due to the front doors being secured/boarded, and the electrical meter was removed. Officer McEuen performed an exterior inspection to where observed damage to the roofing, soffit, and fascia.

I spoke with Mr. Hurt whom stated his dad sold the house before he passed away in 2015. I advised Mr. Hurt that the property and the taxes are still in his father's name. He said he is going to see about signing a quitclaim over to Ms. Parks. I obtained an administrative Search Warrant for the purpose of an interior inspection. The wooden slats on the front doors were removed prior to our arrival, and the doors were open/unlocked. The interior major damage due to a hole in the roof. With the observed damage, this structure is unfit for human habitation.

Officer McEuen posted a *Notice of City Council* hearing on the property, and mailed them out to all known owners and heirs. To date, the property is still in the same condition it was when the investigation began.

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 September 23rd, 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