R-25-160

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF A CLEAN UP LIEN TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 515 GORDON STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, certain property located at 515 Gordon Street in the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas was declared to be a public nuisance, and the property was condemned February 24, 2025 (see Resolution No. 11044 attached hereto as Exhibit A) as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-56-203 and Section 7 of the North Little Rock Municipal Code Chapter 8 – Nuisance Abatement and Property Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, according to the Pulaski County Assessor's Office, Parcel No. 23N0770016800, described as 515 Gordon Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas, is owned by Roger J. Hawkins who, after receiving notice from the City regarding the conditions of the property, failed to abate the conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-54-903 and 14-54-904, the City of North Little Rock is authorized to abate the nuisance conditions, establish a lien for the costs associated therewith, and collect the same in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

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

SECTION 1: That upon a hearing of the facts, the City Council hereby declares that proper notice was given to the owner(s) and lien holder(s) of the subject property to remove, abate or eliminate the public nuisance conditions on the subject property located at 515 Gordon Street; more specifically described as:

> THE SOUTH 50 FEET OF EAST 120 FEET OF BLOCK 238, OF THE 1941 REPLAT OF PROTHRO'S SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF SPANISH GRANT #2431 ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

SECTION 2: That the City Council further declares that the owner(s) and lien holder(s) of the subject property failed to remove, abate or eliminate the public nuisance conditions at the property after it was condemned pursuant to Resolution No. 11044 in the time allowed by law, and that the City then abated the public nuisance conditions at a cost of no less than $14,772.61 (See Affidavit attached hereto as Exhibit B.)

SECTION 3: That the City Council further declares that proper notice was given to the owner(s) and lien holder(s) of the subject property that a public hearing would be held on September 22, 2025 (see Proof of Publication attached hereto as Exhibit C) to determine the proper

if any, that should be filed as a clean up lien pursuant to Ark. Code Ann §§ 14-43-903 and 14-54-904.

SECTION 4: That the City Council further declares that upon presentation of facts at a public hearing, the City is entitled to a priority clean up lien in the amount of $14,817.61 (costs of abatement plus an additional $45.00 filing fee for the subject lien certification) against the subject property. This lien, as provided for in Arkansas Code Ann. §§ 14-54-903 and 14-54-904, may be enforced and collected at any time within ten (10) years after the lien has been filed in either one of the following manners as provided for in Ark. Code Ann. § 14-54-904:

(1) By an action for foreclosure in the circuit court; or
(2) The amount so determined at this public hearing, plus ten percent (10%) penalty for collection, to be certified to the Pulaski County Tax Collector to be placed on the tax books as delinquent taxes and collected accordingly.

SECTION 5: That if the owner(s) or lien holder(s) fail to pay the amount of the herein certified clean-up lien in the time allowed by law, the City Attorney is hereby directed to pursue any and all proper legal actions for collection of the amount of said lien plus all applicable costs.

SECTION 6: 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 7: 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 Amy Fields
DATE 9-15-25
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas
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EXHIBIT A

R-25-63

RESOLUTION NO. 11044

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 515 GORDON 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 owners of record of the following described property are 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 SOUTH 50 FEET OF EAST 120 FEET OF BLOCK 238, OF THE 1941 REPLAT OF PROTHRO'S SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF SPANISH GRANT #2431 ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS (PARCEL NO. 23N0770016800 LOCATED AT 515 GORDON STREET AND OWNED BY ROGER J. HAWKINS).

SEAL OF THE CIRCUIT COURT PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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:

2/24/2025

APPROVED:

Terry C Hartwick

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 A.M. _____ P.M.

By Amy Fields CA

DATE 2-18-25

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

RECEIVED BY

STATE OF ARKANSAS §
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COUNTY OF PULASKI §

I, Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer for the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of the original of Res 11044
Book No. 104 filed in this office on the 24th
day of February, 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office this 30th
day of April, 2025.

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

By: Talor Shinn

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STATE OF ARKANSAS) Parcel: 23N0770016800

AFFIDAVIT OF STATUTORY LIEN

Comes the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas by and through Felecia McHenry, who states on oath that:

My name is Felecia McHenry, I am the Director of Code Enforcement for the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas ("the City"), and as such I am authorized to make this affidavit.

Acting pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-56-203, the North Little Rock City Council, on **Fed 24th, 2025** Resolution # **11044** condemning a structure or structures located on the following described real property located in the City of North Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND ADDRESS OF PROPERTY

515 Gordon Street
Lot: 0 Block: 238 Sub: Prothro Sub
Legal Description: Prothro Sub S 50' of E 120' of TR 238
North Little Rock, AR

After notice of the above mentioned condemnation was given to the owner's and /or heirs **Roger J. Hawkins** and due to the Owner's and/or heirs failure to raze or remove the structure(s), the City removed said structure(s) incurring a cost of **$14,772.61**

DATE	TYPE OF WORK			COST
Date Issued	Fee	Amount	Amount Paid	Due Date
07/30/2025	Admin/Collection Fees	$100.00	$0.00	08/29/2025
07/30/2025	Filing Fee	$50.00	$0.00	08/29/2025
07/30/2025	Postage Fee	$61.98	$0.00	08/29/2025
07/30/2025	Legal Notice	$10.63		08/29/2025
07/30/2025	Asbestos Survey	550.00		08/29/2025
07/30/2025	Asbestos Removal	8,350.00		08/29/2025
07/30/2025	Demolition	$5,650.00		08/29/2025
Total Due: $14,772.61				

The City has made demand for payment and gave the debtor notice of the City's intent to file this lien and the debtor has failed to make payment. No part of the debt has been paid and the City of North Little Rock claims a lien on this real property, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-54-903(b), in the amount of **$14,772.61** to secure this indebtedness.

WITNESS my hand this 4 day of Aug, 2025.

PULASKI COUNTY
CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Felecia McHenry
Felecia McHenry
Director of Code Enforcement

KARLA JANET HERNANDEZ
NOTARY PUBLIC
PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMM. EXP. 08/16/32
COMMISSION NO. 12720088

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4 day of AUGUST, 2025.

Karla Janet Hernandez
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 08/16/32

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LEGAL NOTICE OF CLEAN-UP LIEN
August 4, 2025

To: The hereinafter named owners and mortgage holders of record and all others who claim an interest in the hereinafter described properties:

1.515 Gordon Street
Roger J. Hawkins
Lot: 0 Block: 238 Sub: Prothro Sub
Legal Description: Prothro Sub S 50' of E 120' of TR 238
Parcel: 23N07700016800
North Little Rock, AR

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held to certify the amount of a Clean Up Lien pursuant to Ark. Code Ann 14-54-903 against the owners of / and the above described land due to the owner's failure to abate a Public Nuisance at said land. The Public Hearing will be heard before the North Little Rock City Council at the September 22nd, 2025 Meeting at 6:00 p.m. held at (City Hall 300 Main Street North Little Rock.) The owners have the right the contest at the amount of the Clean-up Lien. Felecia McHenry, Code Enforcement Director. DR1T 8/12/2025

THE DAILY RECORD

STATE OF ARKANSAS

Pulaski County

I, Jay Edwards, so solemly swear that I am the Managing Editor of the Daily Record, a newspaper of general circulation in Pulaski County, State of Arkansas; that I was the Managing Editor of The Daily Record at and during the publication of the annexed legal notice in the matter of:

Clean up Lien

515 Gordan Street

pending in the Court in said County, and at dates of the several publications of said legal notice hereinafter stated, and that during said periods and at said dates, said newspaper was published and had a bona fide circulation in said County and State; that said newspaper had been regularly published in said County and State, and had a bona fide circulation therein for the period of one month before the date of the first publication of said legal notice; and that said legal notice was published in the regular daily issues of said newspaper on the following days:

08/12/25

J Edwards

Managing Editor

Subscribed and sworn before me this 12th of August, 2025

Kathleen Edwards

KATHLEEN EDWARDS
Notary Public - Arkansas
Pulaski County
Commission # 12723351
My Commission Expires Jun 10, 2033

Notary Public

515 Gordan Street