

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1515 ORANGE 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 HALF LOT 11, BLOCK 31 OF THE NORTH ARGENTA ADDITION, NOW IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS (PARCEL NO. 33N2110025900 LOCATED AT 1515 ORANGE STREET AND OWNED BY JAMES HATCHETT).

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

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	10/27	A.M.	_____	P.M.
By	Amy Fields CA			
DATE	12-2-25			
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

November 21st, 2025

Mayor Hartwick
City Council Members

Re: 1515 Orange Street
Lot:11 Block: 31 Sub: North Argenta
City of North Little Rock, AR

Owners: James Hatchett
Benton, AR

Dear Mayor Hartwick;

On February 4th 2025, North Little Rock Code Enforcement Officer Timothy McEuen began an investigation into 1515 Orange Street due to observed exterior conditions of the structure. Officer McEuen located an open/unsecured door to where he was able to view some interior damage without having to enter the structure. On the exterior,

Officer McEuen observed damaged siding, broken out windows, and some roof damage due to a tree that had fallen onto the roof. From his observations, Officer McEuen determined the structure is in an uninhabitable state. Officer McEuen verified no one was inside the structure, and he secured it to the best of his ability.

Officer McEuen acquired an administrative warrant due to him continuing to find the structure unsecured upon re-inspections. Officer McEuen found extensive damage to the kitchen area due to the tree falling onto the house. Officer McEuen made contact, via telephone, with the owner who stated he would begin to repair the residence. Officer McEuen continued to monitor the residence in which he did not see any repairs being performed. On September 29th, 2025, a re-inspect revealed that the structure was again open/unsecured and no work had been performed so Officer McEuen re-initiated the condemnation process. To date, the property is still in the same condition it was when the investigation began.

The condemnation proceedings were initiated due to the uninhabitable condition of the structure. Owners and/or heirs and all interested parties were given a notice for the City Council hearing for December 8th, 2025. 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