



City Manager Report

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

NO: 904

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TO: THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ABANDONED BUILDING REPORT

On July 19th, the Planning Department made a presentation to the City Council concerning the Abandoned Building Coalition Report. Staff presented a summary of short term and long term actions that are planned to help address the abandoned building issues in Oklahoma City.

The presentation included discussion about administrative and regulatory fees, strategic code enforcement, boarding alternatives, data driven approaches, and neighborhood engagement. During the course of the discussion the Council raised some additional questions that are addressed below.

Monies Expended/Recovered From the Securing and Demolition of Buildings

This list includes the last three years of money expended and recovered for the securing and demolition of structures that have been declared by the Council. Administrative fees are not included. Additionally the money expended in FY 15-16 includes the demolition cost for the Lantana Apartments. Money recovered may exceed money expended in a given fiscal year as it may include receipts for work completed in the prior fiscal year.

SECURING:

	<u>Money Expended</u>	<u>Money Recovered</u>
FY 13-14	\$89,796.00	\$137,584.55
FY 14-15	\$90,900.00	\$142,269.91
FY 15-16	\$82,035.00	\$111,827.80

DEMOLITION:

	<u>Money Expended</u>	<u>Money Recovered</u>
FY 13-14	\$363,531.00	\$137,513.00
FY 14-15	\$356,119.00	\$205,113.76
FY 15-16	\$539,149.75	\$202,666.18

Abandoned Buildings Public Safety Responses – 7/1/2015 thru 6/30/2016

As of June 30, 2016, there have been a total of 639 buildings declared abandoned by City Council. There have been a total of 307 incidents at 87 properties that required a public safety response. Staff has sent bills for a total of \$89,417 with a total collected of \$5,939.

Proposed Ordinance Amendments to Address Procedural Issues

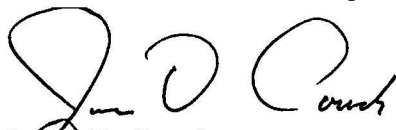
Development Services staff is working with the Municipal Councilor’s office on two ordinance amendments. The first change would allow staff to administratively remove buildings from the abandoned building list upon payment of all outstanding public safety costs and the resolution of any property maintenance issues. This change would allow staff to respond faster when a property owner is requesting to remove their property from the abandoned building list. The second amendment would establishment an administrative fee to help off-set staff costs involved in tracking and billing public safety costs and other expenses involved in the processing of abandoned buildings.

Egregious Properties List

The Council also requested that staff determine a list of most egregious offending properties by Ward. Staff identified properties using the number of complaints received and worked and the number of public safety calls received since January 2015, and the cost incurred. As requested by Council, the list below is a sample of some of the most egregious properties. Wards 3, 5, and 8 did not have properties that could be described as egregious using the same criteria.

Ward 1	7408 NW 10TH ST (Lantana)	\$28,650.85
Ward 2	2801 NW 45TH ST	\$4,562.40
Ward 4	45 SE GRAND BLVD	\$5,228.99
Ward 6	1801 NW 14 th ST	\$6,329.22
Ward 6	216 N. BLACKWELDER	\$2,462.70
Ward 7	3501 NE 23 rd (St. Vincent’s)	\$1,274.65
Ward 7	141 NE 13TH ST (Walcourt)	\$0.00

Staff will be available for questions.



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