

**CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**  
Office of Legal  
Community Development Department

TO: Mayor and Council Members  
Phil Delafield, Director  
Community Development

DATE: May 13, 2015

FROM: Victoria Cresta  
Legal Assistant

SUBJECT: Board of Health  
May 18, 2015

**AUTHORIZING:**

1. The Legal Department to proceed with court action for authority to abate the public nuisances at the following locations:

(A) 3217 Amherst Street, main structure, Titleholder: Gary Oeth

02/24/2015 The main structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance. Interior photos were taken at this time.

03/19/2015 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder, Gary Oeth.

05/07/2015 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance. Photos were taken at this time.

05/07/2015 The Inspector reports permits have been requested, but no visual progress toward abatement.

(B) 3108 E 8<sup>th</sup> Street, fire-damaged main structure, Titleholder: Gary Oeth

12/18/2014 The main structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance. Interior photos were taken at this time.

03/19/2015 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder, Gary Oeth.

05/07/2015 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance. Photos were taken at this time.

05/07/2015 The inspector reports permits have been requested but no visual progress toward abatement.

(C) 2400 E 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Titleholder: Gary Oeth; Mortgage Holder: Metabank

- 01/13/2015 The fire-damaged main structure was inspected and found to be a public nuisance. Interior photos were taken at this time.
- 02/26/2015 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Mortgage Holder, Metabank.
- 03/19/2015 The Public Nuisance Notice was served on Titleholder, Gary Oeth.
- 05/07/2015 The property was re-inspected and found to remain a public nuisance. Photos were taken at this time.
- 05/07/2015 The inspector reports no permits have been requested and no visual progress toward abatement.

**COMMUNICATION:**

2. Regarding demolition cost reserve being held:

- 02/24/2015 State Farm Insurance notified the City of Des Moines of a demolition cost reserve established for the property located at 1405 Idaho Street, Des Moines, IA.

**AUTHORIZING:**

cc: Jeff Lester  
Vicky Long Hill  
Su Donovan