

Date January 25, 2021

COMMUNICATION OF FIRE ESCROW AT 329 E THORNTON AVENUE

Communication from Neighborhood Inspection Division regarding demolition cost reserve escrowed for main structure located at 329 E Thornton Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

(Communication and documentation attached)

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

to receive and file and to direct the City Attorney to bring legal action within one hundred eighty (180) days of certified mail notice dated December 16, 2020, if owner(s) has not demolished or renovated the structure.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
MANDELBAUM				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

*Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested #7018 3090 0002 1132 4218*

12/08/2020

City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Attention: City Clerk

RE: Claim Number: 20F-3239  
Insured : Lauri & Eric Johnson  
Date of Loss : 09/05/2020  
Policy : 5058847  
Our File : IA320110

Dear City Clerk:

We represent Hawkeye Mutual Insurance Association and are writing today in regard to the above-referenced incident.

Pursuant to Iowa Code 515.150, this serves to advise the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that a Proof of Loss will be submitted by the above-referenced policyholder as the dwelling has been deemed uninhabitable and is believed to be within the city limits of Des Moines, Iowa. Our insured, Lauri Johnson, is the owner of the property located at 329 E Thornton Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50315. This property sustained extensive damage from a fire that occurred on or about 09/05/2020.

Pursuant to Iowa Code, Hawkeye Mutual Insurance Company has reserved \$19,830.00 for demolition costs associated with the demolition and/or repairs of this building.

That section of the code indicates that the city shall be notified by Certified Mail once a Proof of Loss is submitted in excess of 75% of the face value of the policy covering the building and when the home or building is uninhabitable and is located within city limits.

We will not release this reserve for demolition and/or repairs of the building until the building has been repaired or demolished pursuant to your local code and statutes. That code requires that we be notified by both the insured and the city council that the insured has completed the repairs to the property in compliance with all applicable statutes and local ordinances.


Please notify me once the building has been repaired or demolished according to applicable statute and local ordinances.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 800-747-4427, extension 41 or through written correspondence to:

**Craig Krapfl**  
**Hausch & Company**  
**1519 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Moline, IL 61265**

We wish to thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Krapfl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

**Craig Krapfl**  
**800.747.4427 x 41**  
**Hausch & Company**

cc: Hawkeye Mutual Insurance Associati