



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

61A

Date September 12, 2022

ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 1311 LAUREL STREET

WHEREAS, the property located at 1311 Laurel Street, Des Moines, Iowa, was inspected by representatives of the City of Des Moines who determined that the main structure in its present condition constitutes not only a menace to health and safety but is also a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Titleholders, Ben Spellman and James Garman, were notified more than thirty days ago to repair or demolish the main structure and as of this date have failed to abate the nuisance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA:

The main structure on the real estate legally described as The West 9 feet of Lot 3 and the East ½ of Lot 4, SAUCERMAN AND ENGLISH'S ADDITION, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, and locally known as 1311 Laurel Street, has previously been declared a public nuisance;

The City Legal Department is hereby authorized to file an action in district court to obtain a decree ordering the abatement of the public nuisance, and should the owner(s) fail to abate the nuisance, as ordered, that the matter may be referred to the Department of Engineering which will take all necessary action to demolish and remove said structure.

Moved by _____ to adopt.
Second by _____

FORM APPROVED:

Judy K. Parks-Kruse
Judy K. Parks-Kruse, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
GATTO				
SHEUMAKER				
MANDELBAUM				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	
_____ Mayor				

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Baumgartner, 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

Polk County Assessor

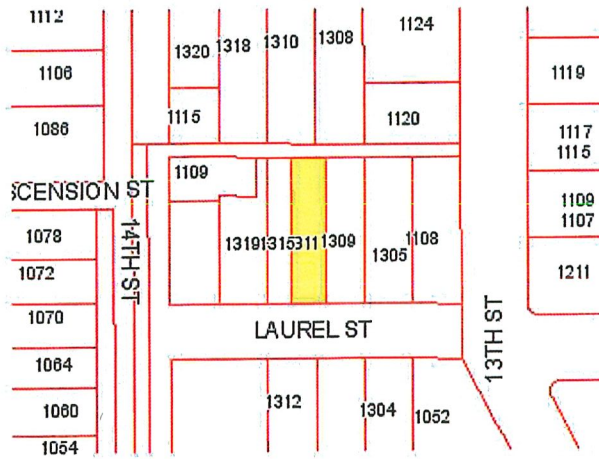
111 Court Avenue #195
Des Moines, IA 50309-0904

(515) 286-3014 Fax (515) 286-3386
polkweb@assess.co.polk.ia.us

Location					
Address	1311 LAUREL ST				
City	DES MOINES	Zip	50314	Jurisdiction	Des Moines
District/Parcel	030/04527-000-000	Geoparcel	7824-04-104-012	Status	<u>Active</u>
School	Des Moines	Nbhd/Pocket	DM76/Z	Tax Authority Group	DEM-C-DEM-77131
Submarket	Northwest Des Moines	Appraiser	Joseph Peterson 515-286-3011		

Map and Current Photos - 1 Record

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Historical Photos

Ownership - 2 Records

Ownership	Num	Name	Recorded	Book/Page
Title Holder	1	SPELLMAN, BEN	2021-07-01	18620/687
Title Holder	2	GARMAN, JAMES	2021-07-01	18620/687

Legal Description and Mailing Address

W 9F LOT 3 & E 1/2 LOT 4 SAUCERMAN & ENGLISH ADD

BEN SPELLMAN
1530 47TH ST
DES MOINES, IA 50311-2435

Current Values

Type	Class	Kind	Land	Bldg	Total
2022 Value	Residential	Full	\$5,900	\$4,000	\$9,900

Market Adjusted Cost Report

Zoning - 1 Record

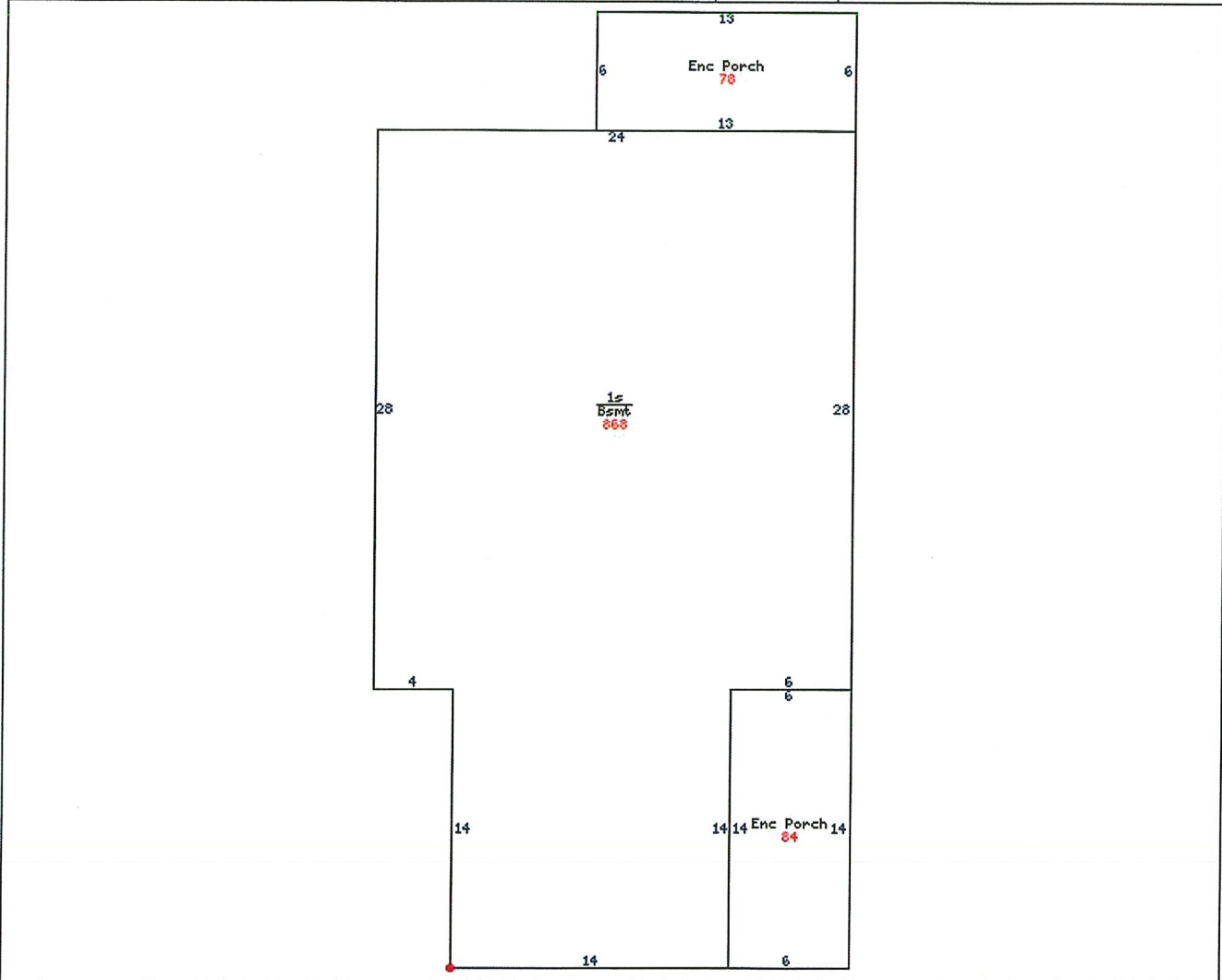
Zoning	Description	SF	Assessor Zoning
N5	N5 Neighborhood District		Residential

City of Des Moines Community Development Planning and Urban Design 515 283-4182 (2012-03-20)

Land					
Square Feet	4,123	Acres	0.095	Frontage	31.0
Depth	133.0	Topography	Normal	Shape	Rectangle
Vacancy	No	Unbuildable	No		

Residences - 1 Record

Residence #1					
Occupancy	Single Family	Residence Type	1 Story	Building Style	Bungalow
Year Built	1884	Number Families	1	Grade	5+00
Condition	Very Poor	Total Square Foot Living Area	868	Main Living Area	868
Basement Area	868	Enclosed Porch Area	162	Foundation	Masonry
Exterior Wall Type	Wood Siding	Roof Type	Gable	Roof Material	Asphalt Shingle
Heating	Gas Forced Air	Air Conditioning	0	Number Bathrooms	1
Bedrooms	2	Rooms	5		



Sales - 1 Record

Seller	Buyer	Sale Date	Sale Price	Instrument	Book/Page
ASTILBE MORNING LLC	SPELLMAN, BEN	2021-06-18	\$9,800	Deed	18620/687

Recent Ownership Transfers

Grantor	Grantee	Instrument Date	Recording Date	Instrument Type	Book/Pg
ASTILBE MORNING LLC	SPELLMAN, BEN GARMAN, JAMES	2021-06-18	2021-07-01	Quit Claim Deed	18620/687
INDIGO DAWN LLC	ASTILBE MORNING LLC	2019-03-19	2019-03-20	Quit Claim Deed	17265/613
CITY OF DES MOINES	INDIGO DAWN LLC	2019-01-14	2019-01-25	Quit Claim Deed	17220/509
LACEY, BEN (Agent) MALONEY, MARY (Treasurer)	CITY OF DES MOINES	2018-12-26	2018-12-26	Tax Sale Deed	17194/981

Historical Values

Yr	Type	Class	Kind	Land	Bldg	Total
2021	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$5,900	\$4,000	\$9,900
2019	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$5,300	\$4,000	\$9,300
2018	Auditor	Residential	Full	\$4,700	\$4,000	\$8,700
2017	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$4,700	\$4,000	\$8,700
2015	Board Action	Residential	Full	\$4,700	\$4,000	\$8,700
2015	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$4,700	\$14,300	\$19,000
2013	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$4,900	\$13,300	\$18,200
2011	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$5,200	\$16,000	\$21,200
2009	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$4,000	\$17,000	\$21,000
2007	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$3,800	\$16,300	\$20,100
2005	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$3,800	\$16,000	\$19,800
2003	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$3,110	\$13,150	\$16,260
2001	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$2,990	\$13,050	\$16,040
1999	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$3,100	\$18,260	\$21,360
1997	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$2,540	\$14,940	\$17,480
1995	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$2,370	\$13,930	\$16,300
1989	Assessment Roll	Residential	Full	\$2,050	\$12,050	\$14,100

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

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Case Number: NUIS-2022-000013	
Notice of Violation	Case Type: Public Nuisance
	Case Opened: 01/11/2022
	Date of Notice: 01/25/2022
Date of Inspection: 07/21/2021	

BEN SPELLMAN
 1530 47TH ST
 DES MOINES IA 50311

Address of Property: **1311 LAUREL ST, DES MOINES IA 50314**
 Parcel Number: **782404104012**
 Legal Description: **W 9F LOT 3 & E 1/2 LOT 4 SAUCERMAN & ENGLISH ADD**

Upon inspection of the property located at and locally known as the Address of Property shown above, located in Des Moines, Iowa, ("Property"), there was/were found to be violation(s) of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa. It has been determined from that inspection that the dwelling currently constitutes a danger to health and safety to the public and is a public nuisance.

We are notifying you that you have the time set out in this notice (below under "Compliance Due Date") to abate the following violation(s) and complete the required remedial action.

VIOLATION(S)

Violation	Corrective Action	Compliance Due Date
60-191 - Vacation and Abatement	Vacate the structure until nuisance has been abated and is no longer declared a public nuisance.	02/23/2022
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60-192(12) - Dangerous Structure or Premise - Abandoned	MAIN STRUCTURE THROUGHOUT	02/23/2022
	Demolish the abandoned structure or premises, OR, repair, replace, or renovate the abandoned building or structure to a state such that it is no longer a nuisance or hazard to the public.	
60-192(13) - Unsafe or dangerous structure	MAIN STRUCTURE THROUGHOUT	02/23/2022
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60-192(15) - Unsafe or dangerous structure	MAIN STRUCTURE THROUGHOUT	02/23/2022
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Repair or replace any portion of a building, structure or appurtenance that has been damaged by fire, earthquake, wind, flood, deterioration, neglect, abandonment, vandalism or by any other cause to such an extent that it is likely to partially or completely collapse, or to become detached or dislodged.

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MAIN STRUCTURE THROUGHOUT

02/23/2022

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60-192(6) - Dangerous Structure or Premise
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02/23/2022

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demolish the structure after obtaining required permit, OR
repair or replace the building or structure, or any portion thereof, that is clearly unsafe for its use and occupancy.

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60-194 - Defacing and Removing Placard	Replace or restore defaced or removed placard.	02/23/2022

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Thank you for your help,

Respectfully,



Kevin Pyles

Neighborhood Inspector

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