December 3, 2013

TO: MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

RE: Dangerous and Unsafe Structure caused by fire at 5247 W. 121st Street, located within the corporate limits of Overland Park, Kansas.

SUBJECT:

Unsafe and dangerous structure, a duplex, caused by a fire at 5247 W. 121st Street, located within the Corporate limits of the City of Overland Park, Kansas, legally described as: HAWTHORNE VIEW LT 5 EX BG NELY CR LT 5NWLY 119.74’ SWLY 98.13’ SLY 2.20’ NELY 102.94’ NE 49.83’ ALG CUR RT 20.87’ TO BG OPC 473 2 1G 5A, a subdivision in the City of Overland Park, Johnson County Kansas.

REPORT IN BRIEF:

The duplex sustained considerable structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing damage due to a fire, which occurred on September 8, 2013, resulting in an unsafe and dangerous structure.

REPORT:

A fire occurring on September 8, 2013, caused damage to structural, electrical, plumbing and mechanical damage. Reports from the insurer, American Family Insurance Group, indicated the damage exceeded 75% of the face value of the structural insurance coverage.

Pursuant to Overland Park Municipal Code and K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq. the insurer has caused to be deposited with the City of Overland Park, $44,565.00, which is representative of 15% of the restoration costs.

Pursuant to the above referenced code and statute, it shall be necessary for the Code Official to initiate proceedings within 30 days of the receipt of said deposit or to return all such moneys received, plus accrued interest, to the insured.

A permit for Partial Demolition was issued on December 2, 2013.
RECOMMENDATION:

To protect the interests of the City of Overland Park, should it become necessary for the City to abate the unsafe and dangerous condition, the Code Official is recommending initiation of unsafe structure proceedings and the approval of this report dated December 3, 2013.

The Code Official is recommending the delay of scheduling the required Public hearing until June 16, 2014, to allow the owner a reasonable time within which to abate the unsafe and dangerous condition.

Should the condition be abated prior to June 16, 2014, the Building Official is hereby authorized to release the insurance funds on deposit with the City. At that time the Building Official shall copy the Governing Body with a memo recommending closure of this action.

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