

AGENDA

Committee on Public Safety AGENDA FOR JULY 15, 2021 AT 4:00 PM



Lansing City Hall, City Council Conference Room
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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members of the public may contact the City Council at city.council@lansingmi.gov or (517) 483-4177 prior to the meeting.

Council Member Garza, Chairperson
Council Member Wood, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Jackson, Member

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - A. June 24, 2021
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Appointment; Damon Milton as an At-Large member of the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2023 (PEND-2589)
 - C. RESOLUTION - Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 314 Bingham (PEND-2399)
 - D. UPDATE - Make Safe or Demolish
 - ~ 1412 W. Ionia
 - ~ 2109 Worden
 - E. UPDATE - City Attorney; Auto Zone 610 N. Cedar St.
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, June 24 , 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

Access the meeting via: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82136155042> ; ID: 821 3615 5042; Dial In: 312-626-6799

Held virtually in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public & to mitigate the spread of COVID 19

CALL TO ORDER via ZOOM

Councilmember Garza called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL-via ZOOM

Council Member Jeremy Garza, Chair remotely from Lansing, Michigan

Council Member Carol Wood, Vice Chair remotely from Lansing, Michigan

Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Member remotely from Lansing, Michigan

OTHERS PRESENT- via ZOOM

Renee Richmond, Council Staff

Scott Sanford, Code Compliance

Mary Bowen, OCA

Calvin Jones, BWL

Katie Diehl, LPD

Chief Ellery Sosebee, LPD

Brian Wilson, attendee

ArvizuK, attendee

Maria Koutsoukos, attendee

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES JUNE 10, 2021 AND MAY 27, 2021 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action Items

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 314 Bingham (PEND-2399)

Scott Sanford talked to the contractor and he is dealing with the plumbing and he had hired one but they couldn't start for a while so he hired another contractor and they won't start until Jones cancels their order and Jones says they will be there Monday and should have their inspection done on Tuesday and at that point it would be about three week and they'll have the drywall, paint and inspection. Councilmember Garza asked to confirm that the plumbing is all they are waiting on right now and Mr. Sanford confirmed. Councilmember Wood stated Mr. Sanford answered some of the three questions they always ask at the last meeting but if he could confirm that they have the funding to complete this and if the permits have been pulled and Mr. Sanford confirmed yes they have plenty of funds and all permits have been pulled and

inspections done just waiting on the plumbing. Councilmember Wood asked what the anticipated timeline for completion and Mr. Sanford state about 3 ½ weeks. Councilmember Wood asked Mr. Sanford if he was recommending that we keep this tabled until next month and at that point it will be over 50% estimated value and not MSD and Mr. Sanford confirmed and at that point they would stay in contact and he does recommend to come back in 30 days and if it needs to be moved it can be.

Councilmember Wood asked Mr. Sanford if the Committee could get an update on the two MSD that was at Council on Monday the 21st. Mr. Sanford state for 2109 Worden he has talked to the guy and he has the money the issue is he doesn't think it's worthwhile, the owner has gotten with a roofing contractor and it's going to cost about \$15,000 to do the roof, framing and soffits and waiting on a bid for the interior. He continued that it will take all of the \$75,000 to repair it with an SEV of about \$42,000. Mr. Sanford recommended to keep at 60 MSD as it's been in demo for 2 years and the owner has had ample opportunity to fix it. He recommended to the owner to get with a realtor and see what he could sell it for as that is what he wants to do, however, there had been so much exposure with holes in the roof that there could be a huge mold issue and no timeline right now as they are waiting on contractor bids. Councilmember Wood requested this be brought back in 30 days as well for an update and Mr. Sanford state that at this time no permits have been pulled so we will know more in 30 days.

Mr. Sanford stated that he was sent an email from Renee from the guy that holds the land contract for 1412 W. Ionia and he is trying to know what is going on. Code has notified everyone involved and not sure what the land contract buyer is telling the owner. In January they pulled a mechanical permit which is set to expire soon and nothing else has been done other than them calling Greg to say they are working on it. Councilmember Garza asked when the permit was expiring and Mr. Sanford said he believed it was July 21st or July 31st. Councilmember Garza requested to bring this back on July 22nd as well for an update. Councilmember Wood stated if she remembered correctly this was the person that said the only thing wrong was something with the front porch and that Code was picking on them. Councilmember Jackson had no questions and there were no public comments.

DISCUSSION – Update Moores Park Neighborhood

Councilmember Garza asked Mr. Calvin Jones to speak on an update for Moores Park Neighborhood as this is in Councilmember Jackson's ward in regards to the lighting, cameras and speed bumps/speeding. Mr. Jones indicated that his counterparts from the last update Mr. Simpson has retired and Mr. Plaunt was not able to be at this meeting today but stated Mr. Plaunt was working with the City to find a connection for the cameras to work and be operable. Councilmember Garza asked if the lighting has been change and updated to LED and Mr. Jones stated he could not speak to that and Mr. Plaunt didn't discuss that with him and he was not involved in that discussion with the City. Councilmember Jackson stated he thought the lights were done and that someone said the connection issue for the cameras had to do with a pole and Mr. Jones said he was not privy to that conversation. Councilmember Garza asked that Mr. Plaunt be invited to the next meeting. Councilmember Wood said she didn't like to put Mr. Jones on the spot but was disappointed as this has been on agenda for a couple months now and it took a while to get BWL to the table and was under the impression it was no problem to get the lights change and maybe it was done she hasn't been out there and continued that it is crucial for the Committee to get the information even before the next meeting if someone from BWL could email them with some answers to those questions. Councilmember Wood continued that the neighborhood has been waiting on these answers and we have LPD here and if we can look at strategies and address some of the crime issues as there is potential for additional problems and looking at ways to shine the light on making sure this is laminated in a way to reduce potential crime activity. If it is possible to get and

answer from BWL in the next couple days. Mr. Jones stated he would get with Mr. Plaunt and get that to the Committee.

Councilmember Wood asked Councilmember Garza if we were going to get an update from LPD as well. Councilmember Garza stated he had asked Chief Sosebee and Captain Diehl here for updates on the recent shootings and crime stats. Councilmember Wood stated she thought there were going to be additional patrols for that area, potential for a speed wagon and that the fire department and public service was going to get together on whether that is a main thoroughfare for ambulance and there was a petition but if it's not feasible then they need to inform the neighborhood so they don't anticipate something night happen or not. Councilmember Garza thanked Councilmember Wood for the reminder and also thought there was an issue to install the speed trailer because of a guard rail.

Chief Sosebee stated a couple things recently with operation slow down this area has been on their list for speed complaints and LPD is looking at speed trailers in that are just trying to figure out the best location. He continued that they've had some adverse reaction to the speed trailers and essentially people are trying to see how high they can get them so looking at having a motor officer near to monitor it. LPD is working with Parks & Rec in locking the park at night to avoid parties with a padlock, Chief Sosebee wasn't aware of the lighting issue and recommended maybe having a Septate expert review the area which is crime prevention through environmental design in assessing the lighting, shrubbery and tree placement in maybe moving things to open the area up for less of a target for crime activity.

Councilmember Garza asked if the Chief could confirm if that was a main thoroughfare for emergency vehicles and he was unsure and would have to get back to him. Councilmember Jackson asked how often the park is locked and Chief Sosebee stated at night an officer responds and locks with a padlock and the Park & Recs Director identified a neighborhood member that unlock it in the morning and they've had really good luck with that and this happens every day.

Other

Councilmember Garza and the Chief exchanged some emails regarding the homicides and non-fatal shootings recently as asked the Chief for an update or broad summary with the City and his ward. Chief Sosebee stated he had not received the data back yet on his ward and that in general violence is the top priority and they have reached out to several partners like VCI, County, State Police and ATF pulling in all the players and asked if Councilmember Garza received the data and not him. Councilmember Garza indicated no and Chief said he would check after this meeting and forward to the panel. Councilmember Garza then asked about Community Policing and if this is something that is going to return as some of his constituents are concerned about not having a police presence. He continued to ask that President Biden came out recently for municipalities with an uptick in violence will there be additional officers not including the recent 5 added from the COPS Grant. Chief Sosebee indicated it was his understanding that yes but he did not have the specific numbers because it is based on crime date and national trend but that with partnering with state, local and federal it will help because of shared resources. To answer the CPO question that between attrition and injury the CPO's have dwindled and the road has taken most of our officers and we have not been able to replace them. However, now that we are hiring and with the COPS grant it is mine and Captain Diehl's top priority to get CPO's filled. Councilmember Wood asked the Chief since they were just talking about Moores Neighborhood and they had a CPO but do not at this time and looking at the website how many CPO actively work a district. The Chief stated they currently have four CPO's assigned to the area and Councilmember Wood asked if this was because they had to be moved to patrol and Chief Sosebee confirmed. Councilmember Jackson asked the Chief if he could give some general intel on possible reasons why we've had so many shootings involving young people and with groups. Chief Sosebee stated that coming out of the Pandemic and using the term de-policing and everybody had to reel back a little bit just for exposure purposes that calls for services

changed and they may have been responded by phone or through the internet on the website. He stated he could talk for hours about the CPO's and how they would interact with the neighborhoods and youth with basketball, football and youth academy and that hasn't happened in 1 ½ years. With that the young adults have nothing to do to occupy themselves and look for something to do, typically they are not violent criminals and might be at a party and something violent happens but not necessarily there to be violent but when something happens they may retaliate. This is something the Chief stated he would like to tackle immediately and give the youth something to do that keeps them busy and out of these violent situations. Now that restrictions are lifted and there are some resources that the Mayor and Chief Green have put in place, there is a lot of things that we will get back to doing rather than writing tickets and taking people to jail. Councilmember Jackson thanked the Chief and said he might follow back up with him but was wondering if there was gang activity or is it because more people have access to a gun and are at a party. Chief Sosebee stated that was exactly it that back in the day things were solved with fist and now so many people have access to guns. He doesn't have the stats on the firearms purchased in 2020 and 2021 so far but the amount they take of the streets that are not legally owned. Councilmember Garza asked for any additional questions from the Committee or public and there were none.

Chief Sosebee stated he got update on Moores lighting and signal connectivity that a new pole needs to be put in and they are getting with BWL on that or they need equipment across the river on BWL property.

Public Comment

None

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Council Administrative Assistant, Lansing City Council

Approved as presented: _____

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Hetke, Veronica](#); [Mayor Intern](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Board or Commission
Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 2:34:49 PM

Application for Appointment to Board or Commission

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Lansing Board, Commission or Committee.

Certain boards, commissions or committees require appointees to be a registered elector in the City of Lansing (Charter Section 2-102) and be a resident of Lansing for one year prior to taking office (Charter Section 2-102).

Appointees to every board, commission or committee must not be in default to the City at the time of taking office (Charter Section 2-103.2) and not have been convicted, within 20 years of taking office, of a violation of the election laws of the City of Lansing, State of Michigan, or the United States; a violation of public trust; or any felony (Charter Section 2-103.1).

Lansing City Charter, Section 5-104, Ineligibility For Boards, restricts certain City employee activities on some boards: "No person holding another City office or activity employed by the City shall be eligible to be a voting member on any board."

(Section Break)

Date	5/13/2021
First Name	Damon
Middle	Jahaan
Last Name	Milton
Other name(s) by which you have been known, including maiden names	Field not completed.
Date of Birth	
Address	1207 Dakin Street
City	Lansing
State	MI

Zip Code	48912
Email	vopdm@yahoo.com
Gender	Male
Find my ward:	Lansing Neighborhoods Ward Map
Ward	1
Precinct	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Best phone number to contact you	517-803-1580
Last 4 digits of social security number	████
In what year did you move to Lansing?	All my life
Additional information regarding experience and credentials	Serving the Lansing community for over 25 years as a local pastor, mentor, and counselor. I also serve as the Vice President of the Lansing Clergy Forum, and the Lansing Police Department Chaplaincy.
Occupational Background	Currently retired from and serving as a full time pastor
Educational Background	Some college- Ferris State University
Previous Appointments	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Current Appointments	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Please attach a resume if available	<i>Field not completed.</i>
First choice for board to serve on	Police Commissioners
Second choice of a board to serve on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Third choice of a board to serve on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Fourth choice of a	<i>Field not completed.</i>

board to serve on

Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Please be specific as to your goals and ideas about how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission

My desire is to continue to build bridges between the Lansing Police Department and the citizens of Lansing. I hope to assist in improving community relations with our law enforcement institution and ensure accountability and fair practices.

Qualifications and Eligibility – At this time, if you do not meet one or more of the qualifications or eligibility requirements listed at the top, please state here the requirement to be met and explain how you will be qualified or eligible before you would be sworn in to an appointed office

I meet all the qualifications required for eligibility.

Background Check Authorization

I agree

Please type your name in this box to signify that you can serve on a board or commission and the information in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge

Damon Jahaan Milton

Date & Time

5/13/2021 2:30 PM

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BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Damon Milton as an At-Large member of the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted by the Mayor's Office and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Public Safety took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Damon Milton as an At-Large member of the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

**CITY OF LANSING - DEMOLITION BOARD
REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL
CASE OVERVIEW SHEET**

ADDRESS:	314 BINGHAM STREET
PARCEL NUMBER:	33-01-01-15-332-161

SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:	
DEMOLITION CASE FILE #:	2019-D005

LISTED TAXPAYER:	WOELFEL, MANFRED
INTERESTED PARTIES:	WOELFEL, MANFRED
SEV INFORMATION:	\$7,500.00
LAND VALUE:	\$6,772.00
BUILDING VALUE:	\$8,279.00
LOT SIZE:	FRONTAGE 33 ' 165' DEPTH

HOUSING CODE VIOLATION LTR:	10/2/2017
ORIGINAL RED TAG DATE:	10/2/2017
ZONING:	C RESIDENTIAL
ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS:	\$90,226.00
PICTURES:	YES
OTHER:	

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	N 1/2 LOT 7 BLOCK 14 GREEN OAK ADD
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ORDER OF DEMOLITION BOARD

DEMOLITION BOARD MEETING DATE:	1/28/2021
ORDER:	MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH 3/01/2021
REASON/CONDITIONS:	FIRE DAMAGED UNSAFE
HEARING OFFICER:	DAVE MUYLLE

CURRENT PERMIT ACTIVITY

BUILDING:	ISSUED NO ACTIVITY
ELECTRICAL:	ISSUED NO ACTIVITY SINCE 11/20/2020
MECHANICAL:	ISSUED NO ACTIVITY
PLUMBING:	ISSUED NO ACTIVITY
DEMOLITION:	na

CURRENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY

REQUEST FOR SHOW CAUSE SENT:	
SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:	
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW:	

314 BINGHAM STREET

- Original Red Tag Date

- 10/02/2017

- Submitted Into Make Safe Or Demolish Process

- 03/01/2019

- Property Vacant/Repairs Exceed Building SEV

- Property vacant more than 180 days
 - Repairs exceed building SEV

- Title Information

- MANFRED WOELFEL

314 BINGHAM

Property Value Information

- SEV

- \$7,500.00 (as of 3/16/2021)

- Structure

- \$8,279.00 (*as of 3/16/2021*)

- Land

- \$6,772.00 (*as of 2/01/19*)

- Estimate of Repairs

- \$90,226.00

314 BINGHAM STREET.

Housing Code Correction Letters

- Code Compliance Inspection Date

- 10/02/2017

- Code Compliance Letter Written

- 10/02/2017

- Code Compliance Due Date

- 11/02/2017

314 BINGHAM STREET.

Demolition Board Actions

- Demolition Board Show Cause Hearings

- 3/28/2019

- 12/03/2020

- 1/28/2021

- Order by Demolition Board

- MS or D by 03/01/2021

- Request Sent To City Council for Show Cause Hearing

- 3/18/2021

314 BINGHAM STREET.

City Council Actions

- Show Cause Hearing Held

- 00/00/00

- Public Safety Committee Meeting

- 00/00/00

- Resolution passed by City Council

- Extension Requested By Owner

314 BINGHAM STREET.

General Comments

OWNERS HAS BEEN GIVEN MULTIPLE EXTENSIONS HAS PULLED REQUIRED PERMITS HOWEVER THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTIVITY/INSPECTIONS ON PERMITS. ELECTRICAL PERMIT HAD A SERVICE APPROVAL ON 11/20/2020 TO TURN POWER ON NO OTHER WORK HAS BEEN DONE.

RECOMMENDATIONS

● FOR NEW CASES:

- Recommend time frame for MS or D. This requires a resolution be passed by City Council –
 - 60 days for regular demolitions
 - 30 days for fire-damaged demolitions
- Table case – Stays at PS Committee level for future review.

● FOR EXTENSION REQUESTS:

- Grant extension if requested. Requires new resolution be passed by City Council.
- Deny extension requested. Case will proceed in demo process and be sent out to bid for demolition.

● FOR TABLED CASES:

- Recommend time frame for MS or D. This requires a resolution be passed by City Council –
 - 60 days for regular demolitions
 - 30 days for fire-damaged demolitions
- Return case to table – Stays at PS Committee level for future review.

314 BINGHAM









CITY OF LANSING DEMOLITION HEARING BOARD	ORDER TO MAKE SAFE, DEMOLISH OR MAINTAIN BUILDING OR STRUCTURE	FILE NO. 2019-D005
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Matter of the building/structure at 314 Bingham Street which is a ☒ dwelling ☐ garage ☐ other

1. Date of hearing: January 28, 2021 Hearing Officers: DAVE MUYLLE, JOE VITALE
2. Scott Sanford, Code Compliance Manager of the City of Lansing, has filed a copy of a notice that the subject building/structure is dangerous. The copy of the notice is attached.

THE HEARING OFFICER FINDS THAT:

3. Notice of this hearing was properly served on the
☐ rental registration owner(s)
☒ owners or party in interest on City tax assessment record
4. The building/structure ☒ is ☐ is not a dangerous building as defined in MCL 125.539, specifically (see attached)
5. ☒ The building/structure has remained unoccupied for 180 consecutive days or more and is not listed for sale, lease or rent with a licensed real estate broker.
6. ☐ The building/structure has been substantially destroyed by ☒ fire ☐ wind ☐ flood
☐ other:
7. The state equalized value of the building/structure is \$7,500.00
8. The cost to repair the building or structure to make it safe is \$90,226.00
9. The real estate is described as follows:

Parcel Number: 33 01 01 15 332 161

N ½ Lot 7 Block 14 Green Oak Add, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan

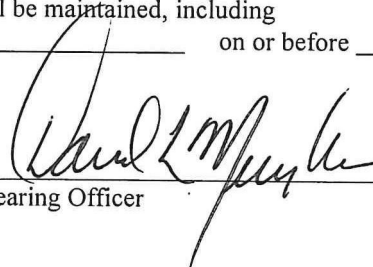
IT IS ORDERED THAT:

10. ☐ The matter is closed.
☐ The building/structure shall be made safe or demolished on or before _____.
- ☐ The case be tabled until _____.
- ☐ The building or structure shall be demolished on or before 3/1/2021 if not made safe as ordered herein.
- ☐ (If finding #5 is made) The exterior of the building shall be maintained, including
☐ lawns, trees and shrubs ☐ paint on structure ☐ other _____ on or before _____.

Date

1/28/21

Hearing Officer





Mayor Virg Bernero

Lansing Fire Department

Fire Marshal's Office

Code Enforcement Section

316 N. Capitol, Ste C-1, Lansing, MI 48933-1238
(517) 483-4361 FAX (517) 377-0100

Notice Printed: 10/02/2017

Unsafe and Dangerous Correction Notice

Inspection Type: Safety
Inspection Date: 10/02/2017
Compliance Due Date: 11/01/2017

EL TORREON L L C
PO BOX 528
DEWITT, MI 48820

Warning: *Failure to comply with the requirements of this notice may result in the issuance of a Municipal Civil Infraction Violation Ticket. (Fines: \$500 per day for each violation)*

Violation Location: 314 BINGHAM ST
Parcel No: 33-01-01-15-332-161

The above referenced address was found to have certain violations of the Lansing Housing and Premises Code, Chapter 108 of the Code of Ordinances. **The violations are listed below and must be corrected by the compliance due date.**

At the request of LFD a Safety Inspection was performed on this Dwelling. Due to the amount of clutter and debris in the dwelling I was not able to do a complete inspection. Please contact Officer Amy Castillo at 702-4751 to schedule a complete inspection; all corrections must be completed before any further occupancy of the dwelling will be allowed.

Due to the fire damage and condition of the property, a partial inspection was conducted. A complete inspection of the property must be conducted and all violations must corrected before this property can be reoccupied. Some listed corrections may require mechanical, plumbing, electrical, demolition or building permits from The Building Safety Office. You can call (517-483-4356) to determine if State Law requires a permit for your particular repair / correction.

(Extensive fire, smoke and water damage)

Sec 108.1.3 Lack of required utilities to the dwelling. The gas / electric / water service is turned off. The dwelling lacks sanitary / heating facilities.

This dwelling has been declared an UNSAFE STRUCTURE as defined in section 108 of the Lansing Housing and Premises Code. Signs have been posted at each entrance that read - DO NOT ENTER, UNSAFE TO OCCUPY. It is a misdemeanor to occupy this building, or to remove or deface this notice. Said dwelling shall remain vacant until this office has conducted a complete inspection and approved all corrections.

Failure to comply by the compliance due date may result in the issuance of a Municipal Civil Infraction.

Violation with **Fines: \$500 per day for each violation.**

Pursuant to Section 107.2 of the IPMC, you have the right to appeal this notice of violation. In accordance with Section 106.3 any action taken by the City on such premises shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate.

If you have any questions or concerns about complying within the time indicated, you may contact at (517) 483 4380 Monday through Friday between the hours of **8-9 - AM** or **12-1 - PM**.

Officer: Cameron Priest cameron.priest@lansingmi.gov

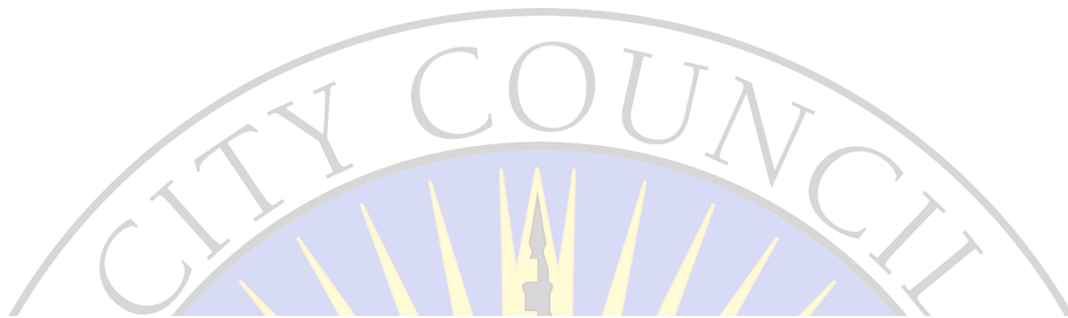
This does not guarantee discovery or reporting of all code violations or property defects, manifest or latent, which exist at the property inspected. The City of Lansing, its officers and employees, shall not be liable for any injury or damage, including incidental or consequential damages, claimed to be a result of any failure to discover or report code violations or property defects.

As specified by section 107- Notices and Orders - a copy of this violation was sent to:

Taxpayer of Record: EL TORREON L L C, PO BOX 528, DEWITT, MI 48820

From: [jill rassizi](#)
To: [Jackson, Brian](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 314 Bingham.
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:58:58 AM

Council member, I live across from this property. It's been more than 30 yrs now, I care about the neighborhood. Before the fire, 314 was a crack house, we went through a lot. After the fire it hasn't been much better. First it was the tear out, it went on and on, noise and prostitutes going behind the house. The last 3 yrs of them working on this house has been hell. It's not professionals doing the work and the work is shoddy at best just observing from the outside. Not one inspection on the place. Most in the neighborhood support the demo, for many reasons. Homeowners should be able to live in peace in their neighborhood. Thank you. Jill Rassizi 321 Bingham.



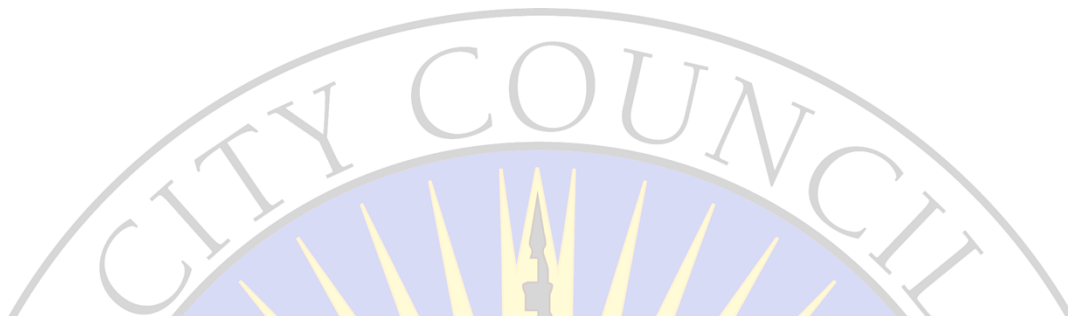
UPDATE – Make Safe or Demolish

1412 W. Ionia Street

~ Show Cause Hearing on 06/07/2021

~ Committee Action on 06/10/2021

~ Council Action; MSD 60 Days on 06/21/2021



UPDATE – Make Safe or Demolish

2109 Worden

~ Show Cause Hearing on 06/07/2021

~ Committee Action on 06/10/2021

~ Council Action; MSD 60 Days on 06/21/2021





City of Lansing

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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June 28, 2021

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

At the request of members of the Lansing City Council, I am writing to you of extreme concern over emergent safety issues found on your property at 610 North Cedar St., Lansing Michigan. It is my hope that you will be able to see the need for action.

This Monday, June 14th 2021, a Lansing citizen died on AutoZone property of 610 N. Cedar in Lansing. He was found face down among the trees by Outreach Shelter staff. There was another death on August 13th of 2020. This citizen was also found dead by Outreach staff on a sunny afternoon under a tree on the property where he was not visible from the road.

Emergency personnel and police have had to care for and retrieve individuals from the water drainage pond, or "pit", numerous times on this property. When Lansing Fire Department and Police Department have to go down those precipitous declines, over 12 feet, to rescue citizens, everyone there is in danger. Simply losing one's footing and falling in that pit could cause great harm. There are shards of broken glass and sharps on those banks, and throughout the entire expanse of open land there.

Just over a week ago, on June 7th, a citizen was found passed out and not breathing on apparent AutoZone property. Outreach staff tended to him and emergency personnel arrived just in time to provide lifesaving support. This citizen survived, scarcely avoiding death.

The needles and broken glass throughout this grassy and wooded space make it not only very dangerous to walk there at night, it is also dangerous during the day. We have tragically learned that it is difficult to see people who are in need of medical attention both at night and during the day. We also know that people can be injured just walking through the property, including members of the Lansing Police Department and the Lansing Fire Department.

We are asking all of you who make decisions at the Corporate Office for AutoZone to find the resources to erect a fence around this property and to remove all trees and foliage. The Outreach Center tends to the citizens found there, even though it is neither their responsibility, nor their liability.

I trust this information will help expediting the decision for the 610 N. Cedar St, Lansing, AutoZone property to be cleaned up and secured. We suggest that you present a plan, rectifying the situation, to us within 14 days from the date of your receipt of this letter; and complete the work under the plan within 30 days from the receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Smiertka", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

James D. Smiertka
City Attorney