

# AGENDA

## Committee on Public Safety AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2022 AT 4:00 PM



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

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Council Member Wood, Chairperson

Council Member Hussain, Vice Chairperson

Council Member Brown, Member

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
  - A. January 20, 2022
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Presentations:**
6. **Discussion/Action:**
  - B. RESOLUTION - Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration of the Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 2131 Pleasant View Avenue
  - C. RESOLUTION - Draft Opposition to Eaton County ORV Ordinance
7. **Other**
8. **Adjourn**

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**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Public Safety**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Conference Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor City Hall**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Wood called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

**PRESENT**

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair  
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair  
Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Renee Richmond, Council Staff  
Lisa Hagen, OCA  
Mary Bowen, OCA  
Krishna Singh  
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance  
Brenda Titus, 4108 Deerfield  
Ellery Sosebee, Chief of Police  
Nancy Mahlow  
Ryan Kost  
Brett Kaschinske, Parks & Rec  
Mark Lawrence, Citizens Advocate

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Wood passed the gavel to Councilmember Hussain stating she is the only member present from the previous Committee.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2021, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilmember Wood stated we will take public comments at the time the item comes up on the agenda unless you would like to speak now. No one from the public wanted to speak at this time.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Krishna Singh as an At-Large member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2022

Councilmember Wood outlined what the process is. Mr. Singh briefly spoke on his residency and a being retired firefighter. Mr. Singh added that this is a way for him to continue to be involved and give back to the city and shed light on both sides of the table. Councilmember Wood stated as a representative how would he see himself interacting and reaching out to the community on issues and suggestions. Mr. Singh stated presence is the way to do that and concluded that there are numerous events involving LFD, LPD and the public and being

present for those are important. Councilmember Wood concluded with the encouragement to reach out to the neighborhood organizations and attend the Ward meetings with the constituents and Councilmembers. No additional comments from Committee.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT KRISHNA SIGNH AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022.**

Councilmember Wood asked Mr. Lawrence if the term date was correct since there were previous discrepancies and he confirmed it was correct.

**MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 4108 Deerfield Avenue**  
Councilmember Wood explained that Mr. Sanford from Code would speak and then Ms. Titus would have an opportunity to address the Committee. Mr. Sanford outlined that this was a fire damage property and it's been in process for quite sometime with multiple delays. Mr. Sanford continued that contractors pull permits and then cancel as it goes along, Code recommends Make Safe or Demolish. Ms. Titus explained she has been doing this all with cash and just found the right contractors for the right price. Ms. Titus added that the Electrical and Plumbing can take place quickly, as quick as Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Wood explained to Ms. Titus that because this has been on/off since 2018 and if the Committee doesn't see anything different the process would be to make safe or demolish and send to City Council. Councilmember Wood finished that at that point she would have 30 days from then to show progress and she needs to stay in contact with Mr. Sanford and he will report back to the Committee. No additional comments from Committee.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4108 DEERFIELD AVENUE.**

Ms. Hagen mentioned a correction in the resolution in the first NOW THEREFORE, to correct 2021 to 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 2206 West Jolly Road**  
Mr. Sanford explained this property has had multiple fires in a short amount of time with no permits or contact from the owners, Code recommends make safe or demolish 30 days. Councilmember Hussain added that Code has done everything needed. Councilmember Wood also asked that the resolution date of 2021 be corrected to 2022. No additional comments by Committee.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2206 WEST JOLLY ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

## **OTHER**

**DISCUSSION – Colonial Village, gun violence and violent crimes; LPD**

Councilmember Wood addressed Chief Sosebee and asked if he could address the issues. Chief Sosebee explained that LPD had a meeting with the Colonial Village neighborhood and Captain Diehl attended. Chief Sosebee added that there is a high "calls to service" recently with approximately 75 traffic stops, 42 well checks, and issues with 3222 S MLK area. With concerns on a couple specific houses expressed to Captain Diehl that LPD is addressing with enforcement, social workers, and patrols. Councilmember Wood asked if both houses were rentals, and Chief said one is owner occupied. Councilmember Wood asked if any of the properties have been drug involvement calls and the Chief confirmed. Councilmember Wood then inquired about if a nuisance letter has been sent because then in 6 months if there are more calls it can be escalated. Chief Sosebee said he believed letters have been sent and Ms. Hagen indicated that Mary Bowen reviews all of them and it is a standard practice that they do now. Councilmember Wood asked when the first letter goes

out how is OCA tracking for the second letter. Ms. Bowen stated she would have to check with the office. Councilmember Hussain asked how the cooperation with the owners at 3222 S MLK is, and Chief Sosebee stated it is positive and going very well. Councilmember Wood asked if we have access to cameras at the property and Chief Sosebee didn't believe so. Councilmember Wood asked if he could follow up as it was recommended like the instance with QD at Pine/Saginaw where LPD dispatch and officers can watch in real time when necessary, and the Chief confirmed. No additional comments.

Councilmember Wood then mentioned at the Public Safety meeting at the end of 2021 it was mentioned the Committee wanted a better understanding of what is happening in Lansing regarding the gun violence and violent crimes. Councilmember Wood understands there is a nationwide issue and there are a number of factors involved with COVID, schools doing virtual teaching, etc. Continuing with an example if someone is stopped and a weapon is confiscated, and they are released on a PR bond and then a crime is committed when they are back out on the streets. Councilmember Wood added it's difficult when a person is pulled over and they are quoting the paper that the police can't do this/that to them and would like to get a discussion with the Chief Judge and Prosecutor. Chief Sosebee indicated he would appreciate some time to do a deep dive and gather accurate numbers for the Committee. Councilmember Hussain added he would like State Reps involved too. Councilmember Wood asked to include a comparison between Eaton/Ingham counties.

#### DISCUSSION/ORDINANCE – Eaton County ORV Ordinance

Councilmember Wood stated there have been numerous conversations in Committee on ORV's and racing and residents asking why they aren't being stopped. Chief Sosebee mentioned that they find the drivers are trying to bait the officers to chase them, then they record and post it on social media. He continued they try to find other ways with help from neighbors that see the ORV's and let LPD know where they are parked and added there are very few that wear helmets. Councilmember Wood continuing that her goal is for Committee to have a resolution in opposition to the Eaton County ordinance and present it at their meeting for their record. Councilmember Wood asked Mark Lawrence from the Mayors office if they were aware of the ordinance and Mr. Lawrence confirmed and that they share the same concerns as the Committee. Councilmember Wood asked if law had any comments and Ms. Hagen informed the Committee that they had nothing specific but could answer questions on legal issues. Councilmember Wood mentioned that Brett Kaschinske wasn't at the meeting specifically for this topic but that there have been issues of ORV's riding through parks and doing damage and asked if he had any comments. Mr. Kaschinske indicated he's talked with the Chief and share the same concerns. Councilmember Wood asked Chief Sosebee and Mr. Kaschinske if they had anything pertinent to please email her and she would get it to law. Ms. Hagen confirmed she would have a draft early next week.

#### DISCUSSION – Bancroft/Regent Parks, light removal; Nancy Mahlow

Nancy Mahlow and Ryan Kost both expressed concern again on the removal of some lights at Bancroft Park. Ms. Mahlow and Mr. Kost both stated the park is still used by residents/pedestrians after dark, people walk their dogs after work, go for walks or cut through because walking along the roads are more dangerous. Both Ms. Mahlow and Mr. Kost would like to see the lights returned as both are concerned with safety issues including first responders that have to come to the park after dark. Mr. Kost suggested possible solar or motion lights. Councilmember Wood ask if Mr. Kaschinske had anything to add from his presentation at City Council and he did not. Councilmember Hussain asked within the talks of the removal do they have boxes to check in doing so. Mr. Kaschinske indicated there are certain boxes for code when talking lighting for sports. Mr. Kaschinske added that there were talks in Administration and Cabinet about the removal. Councilmember Wood continued that Mr. Kaschinske has been a big proponent of "Friends of Parks" groups where they help with fundraising, cleaning and maintaining a park, shouldn't they be included in the communication and discussion. Councilmember Hussain concurred and that better communication from all departments is needed as the Council office is the one to receive the calls. Councilmember Hussain asked Mr. Kaschinske if this was brought up to the Park Board and Brett confirmed yes in January and that it wasn't a voting item and there was discussion on both sides. Ms. Mahlow finished that she attended the Park Board meeting and several members seemed shocked, they didn't know about it and had no clue until it was brought to their attention. No additional comments by the Committee.



Councilmember Wood brought up 239 E Harris Street and that Amanda O'Boyle was working on an ordinance with former Councilmember Betz for Code to get into enclosed areas for trash removal and aske Lisa Hagen if she was aware. Ms. Hagen stated the ordinance is in draft form with one review and that it was from OCA, Brian McGrain and only had support from former Councilmember Betz. Ms. Hagen continued that this would with notice to the property owner, will give authorization to clean up junk and trash, that right now we need a judge to clear it. Councilmember Wood asked for a timeline and Ms. Hagen indicated she did not have a date available.

**ADJOURN**

Adjourned at 5:10pm  
submitted by Renee Richmond,  
Administrative Assistant, Lansing City Council  
Approved by the Committee on

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

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ADDRESS:</b>       | <b>2131 PLEASANT VIEW</b> |
| <b>PARCEL NUMBER:</b> | 33-01-01-32-151-001       |

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:</b> |           |
| <b>DEMOLITION CASE FILE #:</b>  | 2021-D011 |

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>LISTED TAXPAYER:</b>    | SCOTT RATHBUN |
| <b>INTERESTED PARTIES:</b> | SCOTT RATHBUN |
| <b>SEV INFORMATION:</b>    | \$40,800.00   |
| <b>LAND VALUE:</b>         | \$16,356.00   |
| <b>BUILDING VALUE:</b>     | \$64,891.00   |
| <b>LOT SIZE:</b>           | 76.5 X 200    |

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>HOUSING CODE VIOLATION LTR:</b> | 12/3/2019       |
| <b>ORIGINAL RED TAG DATE:</b>      | 12/3/2019       |
| <b>ZONING:</b>                     | "A" RESIDENTIAL |
| <b>ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS:</b>        | \$126,168.00    |
| <b>PICTURES:</b>                   | YES             |
| <b>OTHER:</b>                      |                 |

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>LEGAL DESCRIPTION:</b> | OUTLOT A MID-STATE REPLAT 4 & LOT 37 PLEASANT VIEW |
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**ORDER OF DEMOLITION BOARD**

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>DEMOLITION BOARD MEETING DATE:</b> | 10/28/2021                         |
| <b>ORDER:</b>                         | MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH BY 12/28/201 |
| <b>REASON/CONDITIONS:</b>             | UNSAFE                             |
| <b>HEARING OFFICER:</b>               | JOSEPH VITALE                      |

**CURRENT PERMIT ACTIVITY**

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>BUILDING:</b>   | REQUIRED NO PERMITS |
| <b>ELECTRICAL:</b> | REQUIRED NO PERMITS |
| <b>MECHANICAL:</b> | REQUIRED NO PERMITS |
| <b>PLUMBING:</b>   | REQUIRED NO PERMITS |
| <b>DEMOLITION:</b> | N/A                 |

**CURRENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY**

|                                             |  |
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| <b>REQUEST FOR SHOW CAUSE SENT:</b>         |  |
| <b>SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:</b>             |  |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW:</b> |  |

# 2131 Pleasant View

- Original Red Tag Date

- 12/03/2019

- Submitted Into Make Safe Or Demolish Process

- 9/10/2021

- Property Vacant/Repairs Exceed Building SEV

- Property vacant more than 180 days

- Repairs exceed building SEV

- Title Information

- Scott Rathbun

# 2131 Pleasant View

## Property Value Information

- SEV

- \$40,800.00 (*as of 1/25/2022*)

- Structure

- \$64,891 (*as of 1/25/2022*)

- Land

- \$16,356.00 (*as of 1/25/2022*)

- Estimate of Repairs

- \$126,168.00

# 2131 Pleasant View.

## Housing Code Correction Letters

- Code Compliance Inspection Date

- 12/03/2019

- Code Compliance Letter Written

- 12/03/2019

- Code Compliance Due Date

- 01/03/2020

# 2131 Pleasant View.

## Demolition Board Actions

- Demolition Board Show Cause Hearings

- 10/28/2021

- Order by Demolition Board

- MS or D by 12/28/2021

- Request Sent To City Council for Show Cause Hearing

- 01/13/2022

# 2131 Pleasant View.

## 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



# 2131 Pleasant View.

## General Comments

- None of the required permits have been pulled as of 01/13/2022. This property is NOT fire damaged.



# 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.

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| CITY OF LANSING<br>DEMOLITION HEARING BOARD | <b>ORDER TO MAKE SAFE,<br/>DEMOLISH OR MAINTAIN<br/>BUILDING OR STRUCTURE</b> | FILE NO.<br>2021-D011 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|

Matter of the building/structure at 2131 PLEASANT VIEW AVE. which is a ☒ dwelling ☐ garage ☐ other

1. Date of hearing: **OCTOBER 28, 2021** Hearing Officers: DAVE MUYLLE , JOSEPH 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)  
☒ Owner's 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 \$40,800.00
8. The cost to repair the building or structure to make it safe is \$126,168.00
9. The real estate is described as follows:

**Parcel Number: 33 01 01 32 151 001**

**OUTLOT A MID-STATE REPLAT LOT 4 & LOT 37 PLEASANT VIEW, CITY OF LANSING**

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

10. ☐ The matter is closed.
- ☒ The building/structure shall be made safe or demolished on or before 12/28/2021
- ☐ The case be tabled until \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The building or structure shall be demolished on or before \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

10/28/2021  
Date

  
Hearing Officer





















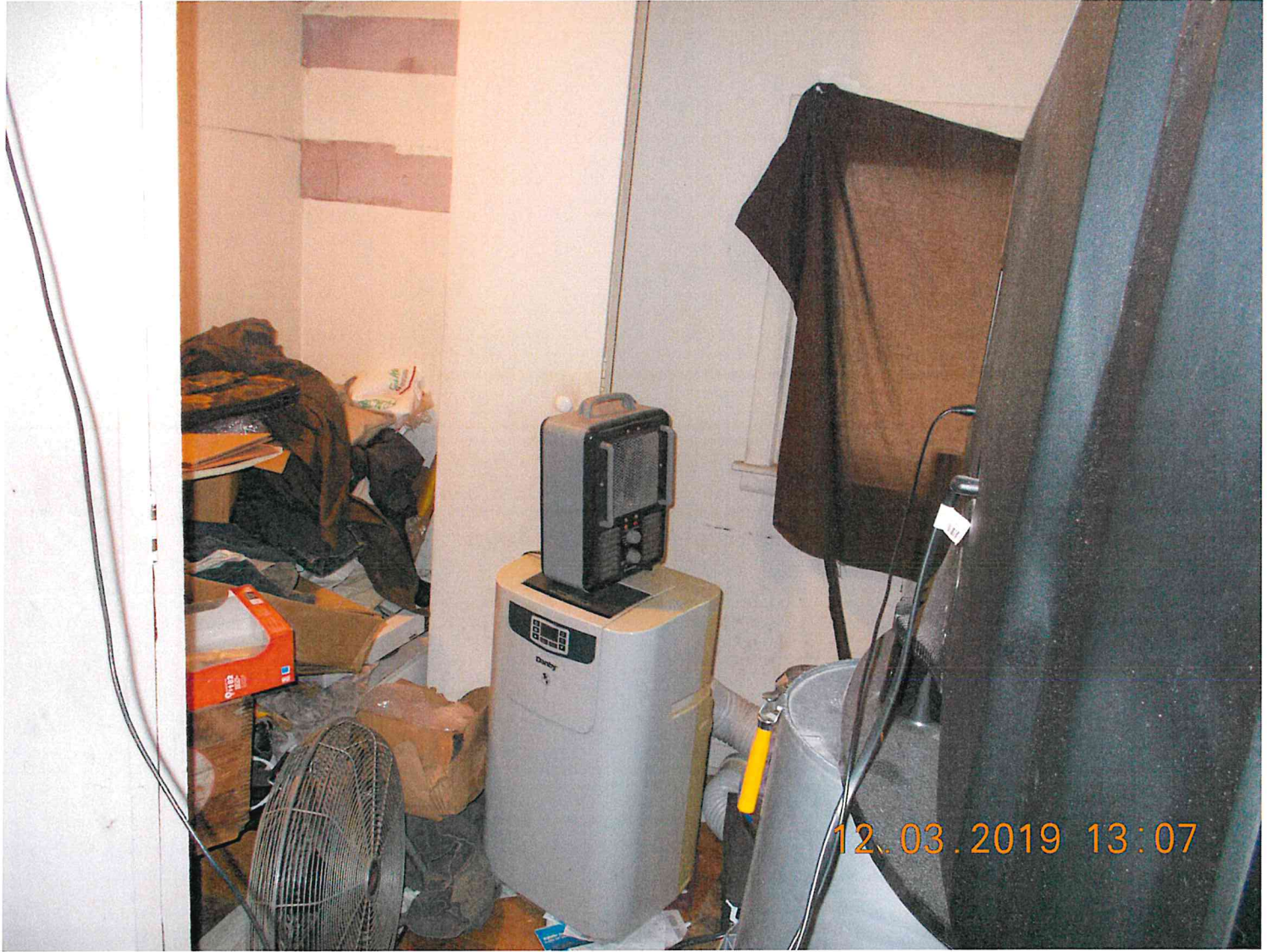




























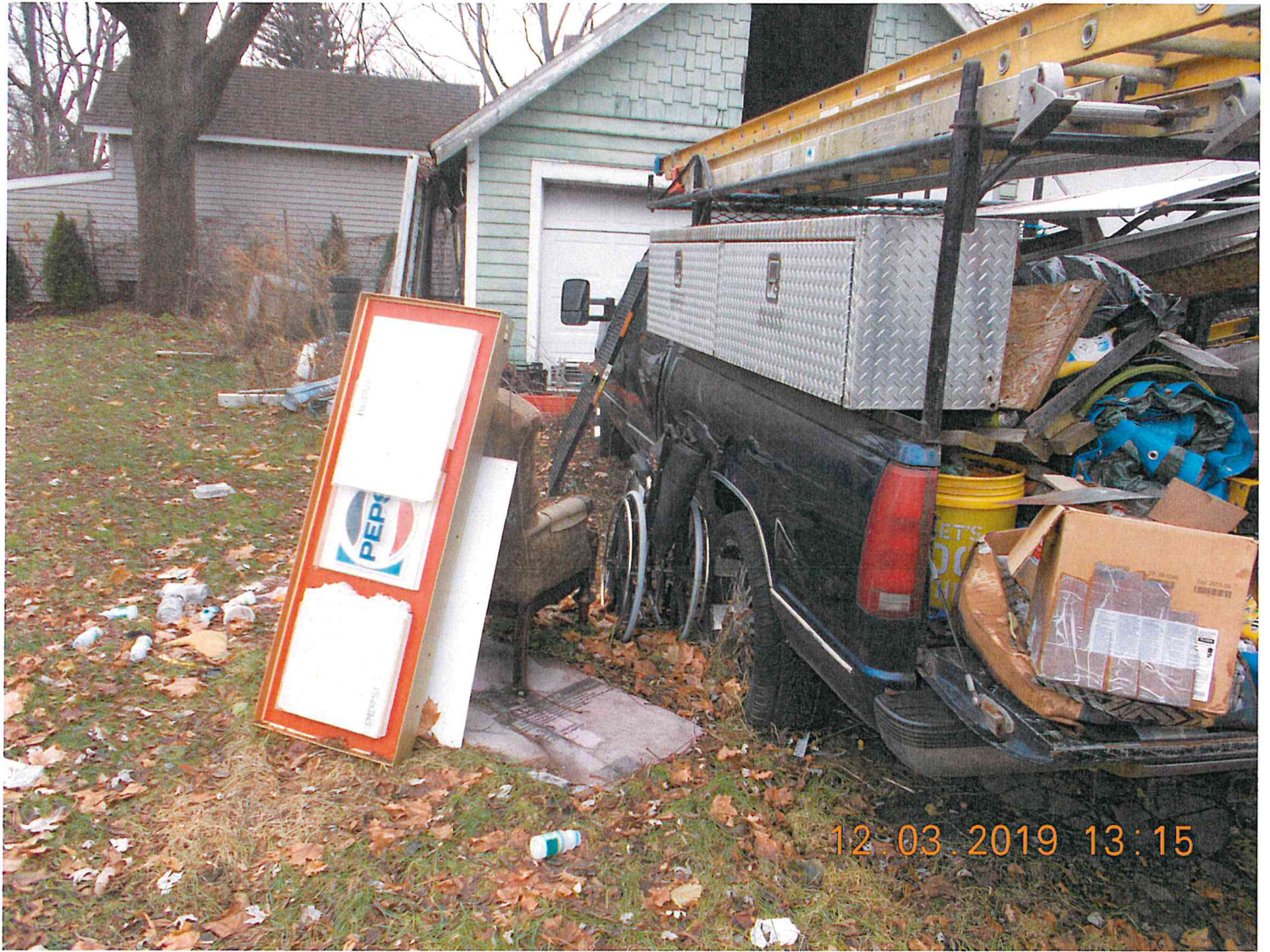
















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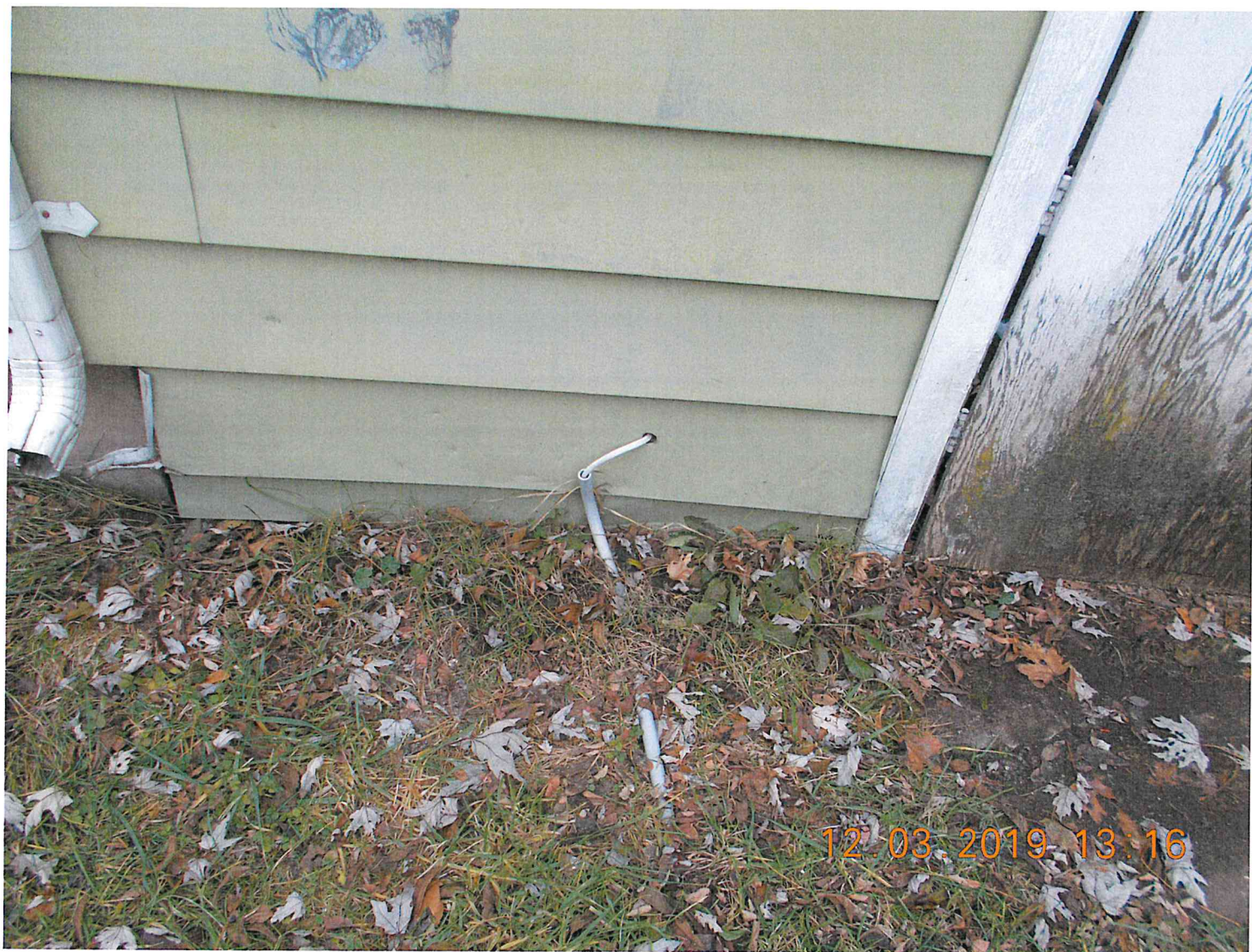














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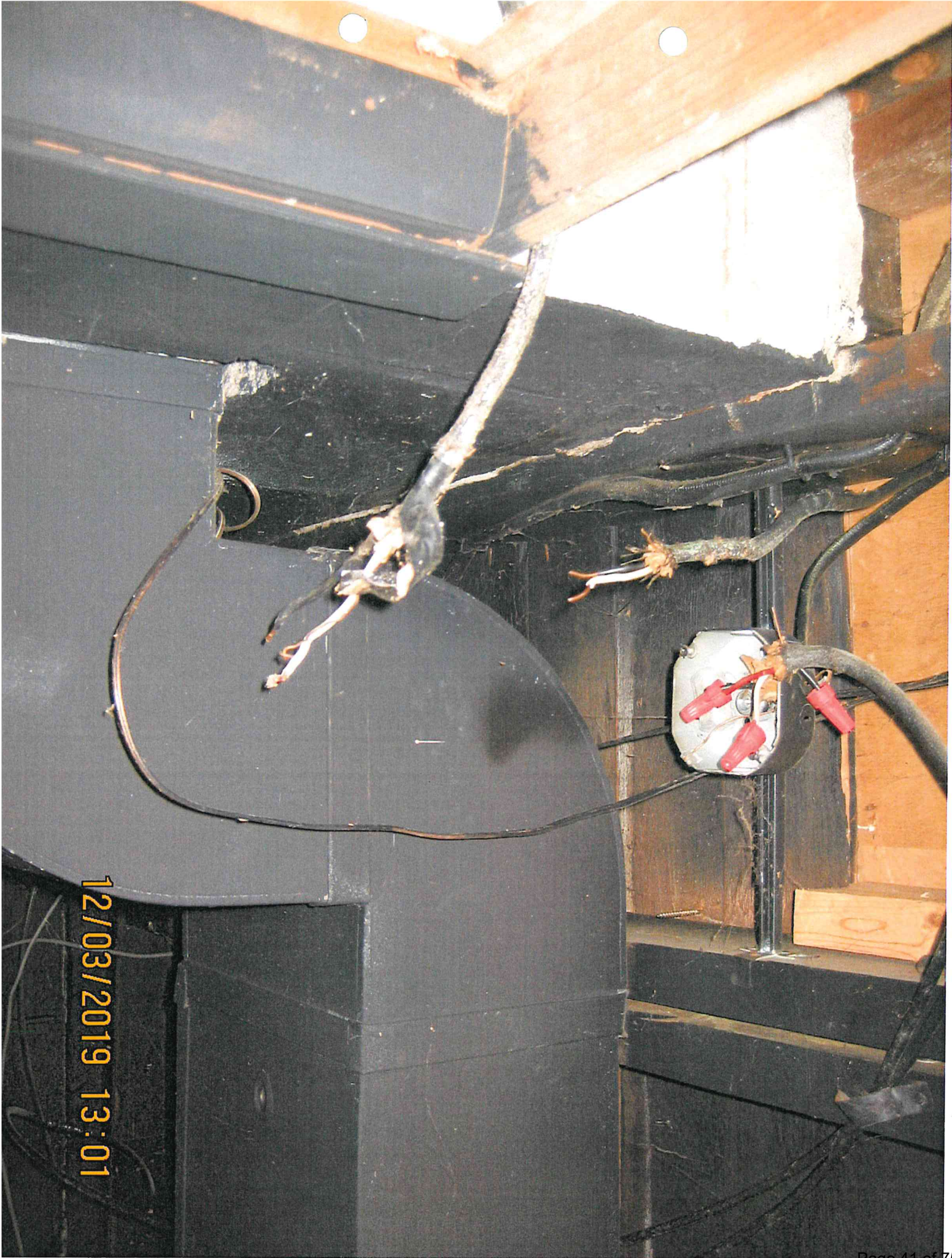
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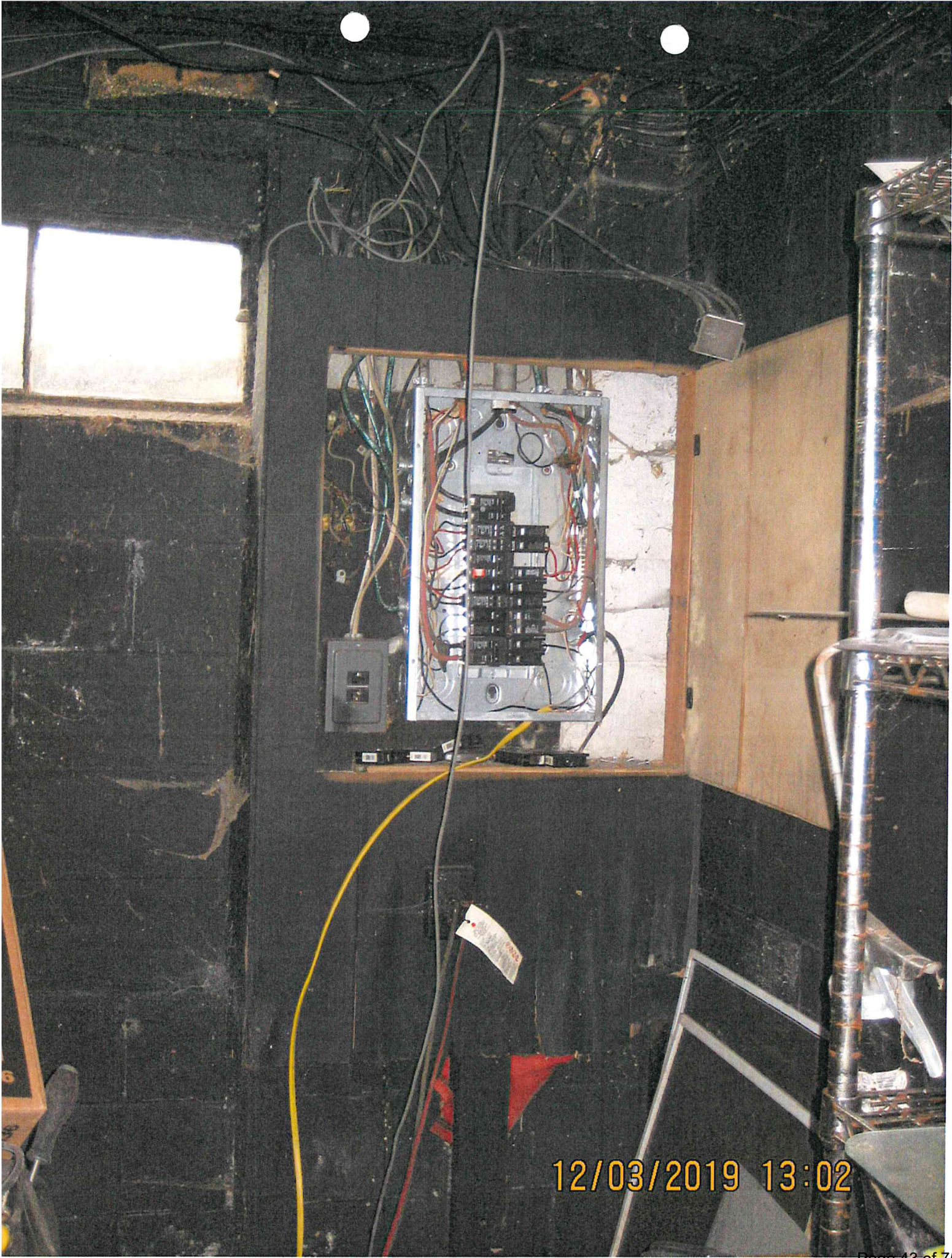
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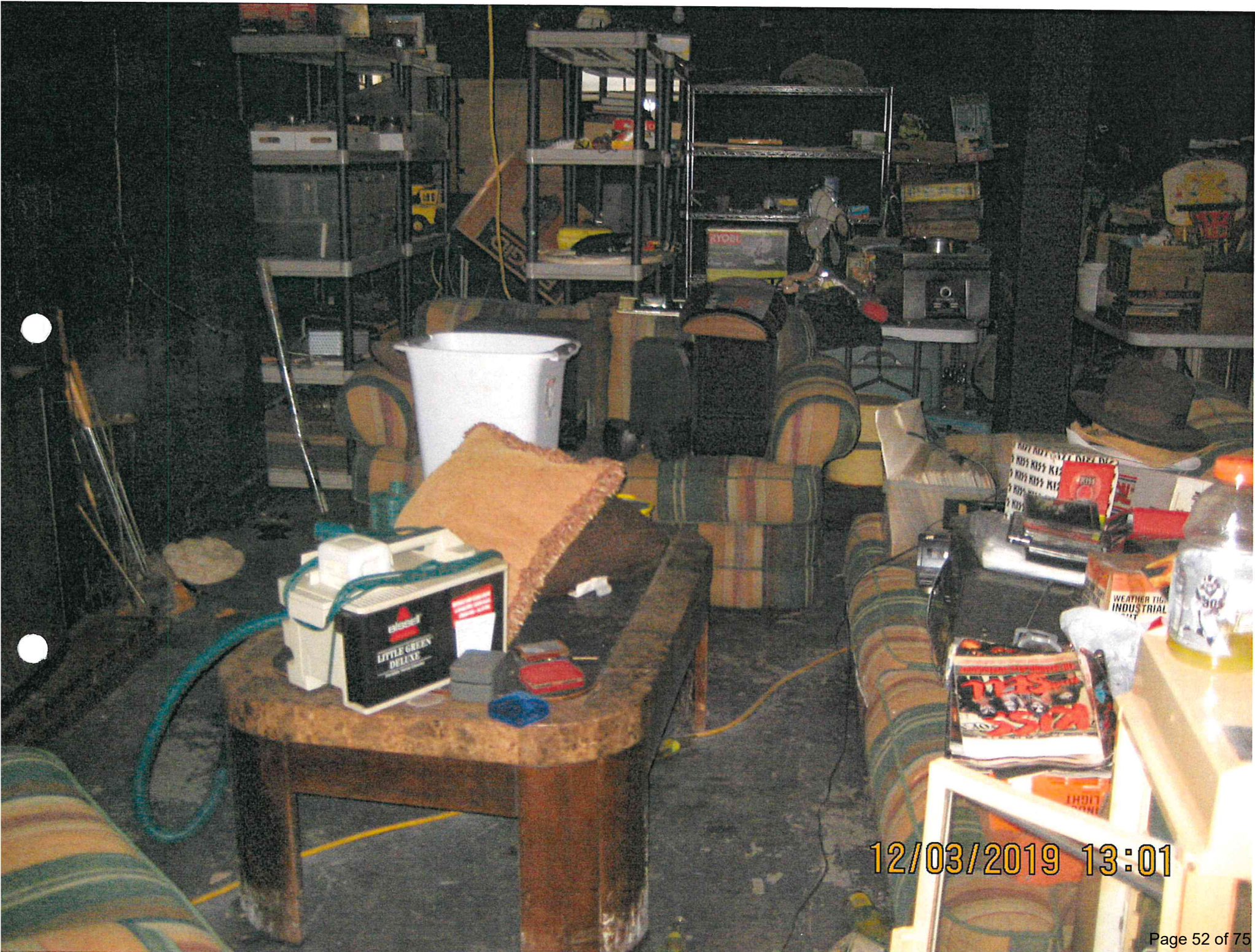
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BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure at 2131 Pleasant View Ave. Parcel # 33-01-01-32-151-001, legally described as: OUTLOT A MID-STATE REPLAT LOT 4 & LOT 37 PLEASANT VIEW, CITY OF LANSING, to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on December 3, 2019 and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the Lansing Demolition Board held a meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Property Maintenance Code (Ord. 1460.01, et seq.), and ordered the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure by December 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Lansing Codified Ordinances require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a show cause hearing for Monday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 2206 West Jolly Road, as legally described above, to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Code Compliance Officer notify the owner of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.



**RESOLUTION #**  
**BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING**

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is located in the counties of Ingham, Clinton, and Eaton; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County is considering an ordinance that would allow Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) to operate on certain roads in Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, while the proposed ordinance would not allow ORVs to operate on City of Lansing roads in Eaton County, Lansing City Council has concerns surrounding the impact that permitting ORVs to operate on certain roads in Eaton County would have on the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries between Ingham and Eaton County, and the City of Lansing and neighboring jurisdictions in particular, can be difficult to discern for a member of the public traveling on the roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has been experiencing increased instances of ORV traffic on City roads; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Police Department has shared concerns with ORV operators on City of Lansing roads, and the danger they may present to other motorists and pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Eaton County Ordinance would permit persons as young as 12 years of age to operate an ORV on approved county roads; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has also shared his concerns and opposition to the proposed ORV ordinance to the Eaton County Board of Commissioners via letter dated October 15, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed ORV ordinance to be held on February 16, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Lansing City Council hereby opposes the Eaton County Ordinance that would permit ORVs to be operated on certain roads within Eaton County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lansing City Council specifically is concerned about the proposed Eaton County ORVs ordinance, and its potential to increase ORV traffic on City of Lansing roads, including ORV operators traveling from the City of Lansing to Eaton County permitted roads for operating ORVs.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council is also concerned about the proposed ORV ordinance and its authorization for persons 12 years old and older to operate an ORV;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby echoes the concerns expressed in the Mayor's letter to the Eaton County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage of this Resolution, the City Clerk shall forward same to the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, and request that it be added to the record of public comment for the scheduled public hearing on the proposed ordinance on February 16, 2022.



**Release: Mayor Schor Declares Snow Emergency; On-Street Parking Banned**

Bean, Scott &lt;Scott.Bean@lansingmi.gov&gt;

Tue 2/1/2022 6:55 PM

To: Bean, Scott &lt;Scott.Bean@lansingmi.gov&gt;

**OFFICE OF MAYOR ANDY SCHOR**124 W. Michigan Avenue – Ninth Floor  
Lansing, MI 48955**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

**MEDIA CONTACT: Scott Bean**

517-582-3480

## **Mayor Andy Schor Declares Snow Emergency**

*On-street parking prohibited to ensure efficient snow clearing operations*

(LANSING) — Mayor Andy Schor has declared a Snow Emergency for the City of Lansing beginning Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 6:00 a.m. through Thursday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. Parking on streets is prohibited and all vehicles must be removed from residential streets to allow for plowing operations.

"We are going to get a lot of snow in in the next few days. In order to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors, I have declared a Snow Emergency," said Mayor Andy Schor. "People need to refrain from parking on our streets so that we can clear them properly. City employees are working hard to keep roads safe. We will do our best to keep main roads clear as the snow continues to fall and will get to our side streets as possible."

During this Snow Emergency on-street parking is prohibited to ensure safety and efficiency during snow clearing operations. If snow continues to fall the on-street parking ban could be extended.

The City of Lansing is responsible for clearing more than 440 miles of city streets. Plowing operations on local streets follow the city's established plow routes. Residents can stay updated on the status of plowing operations by visiting <https://www.lansingmi.gov/485/Winter-Weather-Maintenance> or see snowplow progress at: <https://www.lansingmi.gov/486/Snow-Plow-Map>.

Residents are reminded that city ordinance requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after snow stops falling.

Lansing residents can sign up for Lansing Alert to receive text or email updates and notifications regarding the City's snow removal operations at [www.lansingmi.gov/lansingalert](http://www.lansingmi.gov/lansingalert).

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**Scott Bean**

Communications Director

**City of Lansing – Office of Mayor Andy Schor**

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*Submitted @Mtg*



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Andy Schor, Mayor



**Advisory: Lansing Snow Emergency Updated**

Bean, Scott <Scott.Bean@lansingmi.gov>

Wed 2/2/2022 5:58 PM

To: Bean, Scott <Scott.Bean@lansingmi.gov>

**OFFICE OF MAYOR ANDY SCHOR**

124 W. Michigan Avenue – Ninth Floor

Lansing, MI 48933

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

**MEDIA CONTACT: Scott Bean**

517-582-3480

**UPDATE: Lansing Snow Emergency Revised**

*Residential on-street parking prohibited; Downtown parking reinstated on Thursday*

(LANSING) — Mayor Andy Schor has updated the current Snow Emergency issued for the City of Lansing. In downtown Lansing, on-street parking will only be prohibited between 2:00—6:00 a.m. but will be allowed the rest of the day. Throughout the remainder of the city, on-street parking will be prohibited.

Per City Ordinance, we are revising the level of the snow emergency to allow for daytime parking in our downtown. However, all vehicles must be removed from residential streets to allow for efficient plowing operations. Regular downtown parking rules, such as time limits and parking fees, are in effect. The snow emergency will be now in effect until Friday, February 4 at 6:00 a.m.

"We expect main roads and our downtown streets and parking to be clear of snow by Thursday morning. This should help downtown businesses open and allow for people to park and visit and work downtown on Thursday. Our residential streets will be plowed as fast as crews can get to them," Mayor Schor said. "Residents should continue to refrain from parking on residential streets so that we can clear them quickly and properly. Our City employees, especially our snowplow drivers, are out there 24/7 working to keep streets safe and clear."

The City of Lansing is responsible for clearing more than 440 miles of city streets. Plowing operations on local streets follow the city's established plow routes. Residents can stay updated on the status of plowing operations by visiting <https://www.lansingmi.gov/485/Winter-Weather-Maintenance> or see snowplow progress at: <https://www.lansingmi.gov/486/Snow-Plow-Map>.

Residents are reminded that city ordinance requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after snow stops falling.

Lansing residents can sign up for Lansing Alert to receive text or email updates and notifications regarding the City's snow removal operations at [www.lansingmi.gov/lansingalert](http://www.lansingmi.gov/lansingalert).

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Andy Schor, Mayor



#### 404.12. - Parking prohibited during snow emergencies.

When weather events require salting and/or plowing of snow and ice from the roadways to ensure safe travel, snow emergencies will be declared in accordance with the provisions of this section. During declared snow emergencies, no person may park any vehicle, or leave any vehicle parked, upon roadways within the City of Lansing described by this section.

- (a) *Declaration and public announcement of snow emergency.* The Director of Public Service will declare a snow emergency whenever a weather event, or anticipated weather event, will require salting and/or plowing of snow and ice from the roadways in the City. The Chief of Police shall cause each declaration of a snow emergency to be publicly announced by means of television and radio broadcasts and/or telecasts from stations with a normal operating range covering the City, including cable television franchisees operating within the City. The Chief of Police may cause such declaration to be further made in a newspaper of general circulation if necessary and feasible.
- (b) *Three levels of snow emergency.* There shall be three levels of snow emergency which may be declared pursuant to this section, defined and described as follows:
  - (1) *Level 1.* During a level 1 snow emergency, parking will be prohibited between 2:00—6:00 a.m. in the downtown, and during all hours on select arterial, neighborhood, and transit route roadways, which will be named when the snow emergency is declared.
  - (2) *Level 2.* During a level 2 snow emergency, parking will be prohibited between 2:00—6:00 a.m. in the downtown, and during all hours in the rest of the City.
  - (3) *Level 3.* During a level 3 snow emergency, parking will be prohibited 24 hours a day throughout the City.
- (c) *Termination of snow emergency and parking prohibition.* Once in effect, the prohibition on parking in roadways shall remain in effect until terminated by announcement of the Chief of Police, in coordination with the Director of Public Service, by the same means set forth in subsection (a). Additionally, a roadway that has been plowed of snow and ice, for the entirety of the block on both sides, after declaration and announcement of a snow emergency, shall become excluded from the prohibition on parking.
- (d) *Violations and penalties.* Any person who violates this section will be ticketed for a parking violation and fined consistent with this chapter. In any proceeding for a violation of this section, proof that a particular individual was the registered owner of a particular vehicle at the time of the violation shall create the presumption that the registered owner was the person who parked the vehicle in violation.
- (e) *Towing and impoundment of vehicles parked in roadway during snow emergency.* Any vehicle parked or left on any City roadway in violation of this section constitutes a public hazard and



an obstruction of traffic and may be towed and impounded immediately. No person may recover any impounded vehicle without first paying the cost of removal and storage, notwithstanding, and apart from, any fine which may also be imposed for violation of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 1267, § 1, 9-21-20)











**RE: [EXTERNAL] On Street Parking****Lansing Mayor <Lansing.Mayor@lansingmi.gov>**

Wed 2/9/2022 11:06 AM

To: lan48910 &lt;lan48910@protonmail.com&gt;

Cc: Hussain, Adam &lt;Adam.Hussain@lansingmi.gov&gt;; Wood, Carol &lt;Carol.Wood@lansingmi.gov&gt;

Good Morning,

The city of Lansing does not define an abandoned vehicle, the state of Michigan does in Section 257.252a of the MCL. I've included the relevant definition below. A clearer outline can be found on the Secretary of State's website ([https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1640\\_14837\\_23708-123741--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1640_14837_23708-123741--,00.html))

A vehicle **may** (my emphasis added, in statute there is an important difference between MAY and SHALL) be considered abandoned when it is:

- A vehicle that has remained on public property for not less than 48 hours.

To be clear, there's a difference between ticketing or towing a car that isn't in compliance with a city snow emergency declaration and an abandoned vehicle as defined by state statute. The Lansing Police department has discretion (MCL Sec 252(a)3) when tagging a vehicle as potentially abandoned. I say discretion because, as mentioned above, the law states that a vehicle MAY be considered abandoned, not SHALL be considered abandoned. There is no ordinance in the city regulating time-of-day, on-street parking so officers are empowered to use their judgement. The City's snow emergency ordinance also allows for discretion for the ticketing and/or towing of any vehicle found to be in violation. Generally, if a plow can go around the vehicle it will, for the sake of operational efficiency, but if the street is already narrow, the parked car may be towed so the plow can get through. Cars that weren't in compliance with the snow emergency guidelines were ticketed on a complaint-based, case by case basis.

If you'd like to report these cars to LPD as possibly abandoned, you may do so by using our app, Lansing Connect, or by visiting <https://www.lansingmi.gov/697/Report-an-Issue>, clicking "Create" and selecting "Police Other (Non-Emergency)" from the drop down and adding more details when prompted.

Thank you for your message and please feel free to reach out again if you have further questions with this or any other city matter.

Sincerely,

**Mark Lawrence**

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**From:** lan48910 <lan48910@protonmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:03 PM

**To:** City Council <City.Council@lansingmi.gov>; Sanford, Scott <Scott.Sanford@lansingmi.gov>; Clerk, City <City.Clerk@lansingmi.gov>; Lansing Mayor <Lansing.Mayor@lansingmi.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] On Street Parking

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**RE: [EXTERNAL] On Street Parking****Schor, Andy** <Schor.Andy@lansingmi.gov>

Wed 2/9/2022 9:23 AM

To: Wood, Carol &lt;Carol.Wood@lansingmi.gov&gt;; Kilpatrick, Andrew &lt;Andrew.Kilpatrick@lansingmi.gov&gt;

Cc: DiSessa, Jane B. &lt;Jane.DiSessa@lansingmi.gov&gt;; Hussain, Adam &lt;Adam.Hussain@lansingmi.gov&gt;; Lawrence, Mark &lt;Mark.Lawrence@lansingmi.gov&gt;

Mark can the information on the specifics for you and the constit who emailed all of us. The plow maps should show when each area was plowed.

Generally, in the beginning of the snow emergency we said that anyone on the street during the snow emergency can be ticketed. There are some areas where the plows can get around the car and it won't cause problems in the streets. And other areas where the streets are more narrow and we would need to ticket or tow. Later in the snow emergency we said that any unplowed streets could be ticketed or towed.

Did you use Lansing Connect to send in a complaint on the car that was parked next to your driveway? Jane convened a group including LPD, Parking, PS, and Code and they all agreed to be ticketing when there are complaints and towing where the plow couldn't get through.

I added Jane to the conversation so she can comment if necessary.

Andy

**From:** Wood, Carol <Carol.Wood@lansingmi.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 9:11 AM**To:** Schor, Andy <Schor.Andy@lansingmi.gov>; Kilpatrick, Andrew <Andrew.Kilpatrick@lansingmi.gov>**Cc:** Hussain, Adam <Adam.Hussain@lansingmi.gov>; Lawrence, Mark <Mark.Lawrence@lansingmi.gov>**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] On Street Parking

Thanks for the response, I guess my question is this:

When was the this area plowed was it during the snow emergency? If so how are employees that drive the plowed trucks told to response to vehicles parked on the street? Do they notify Dispatch or call their supervisor with the location? When do we ticket and when do we tow?

Thanks for helping me understand how we deal with this situation. I know I had a car parked next to my drive and the the city plowed on Thursday an of course the snow ended up in my driveway and I got stuck and had to pay a tow truck to pull me out. There was no ticket on the vehicle.

Carol

Carol Wood

Councilmember At-Large

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**From:** Schor, Andy <[Schor.Andy@lansingmi.gov](mailto:Schor.Andy@lansingmi.gov)>**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 8:54 AM**To:** Kilpatrick, Andrew <[Andrew.Kilpatrick@lansingmi.gov](mailto:Andrew.Kilpatrick@lansingmi.gov)>; Wood, Carol <[Carol.Wood@lansingmi.gov](mailto:Carol.Wood@lansingmi.gov)>



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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] On Street Parking

Mark will respond. We received this to lansing.mayor last night also. But you are correct...on-street parking is allowed unless there is a snow emergency or the car is abandoned. There are requirements regarding abandoned vehicles and we will go by those requirements to evaluate if the car is abandoned. And for the snow emergency, complaints were to receive tickets, and we were ready to tow in areas where on-street parking impeded plows. If this person complained that the car was there during the snow emergency, then they would have been ticketed. I don't know if a Lansing Connect or email or any other complaint was received during the snow emergency. Mark will get back with the constituent on all of this.

Andy

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I'm 95% sure that LPD would need to tag these as potentially abandoned and then can ticket after 72 hours. I will check the ordinance and then forward as appropriate.

Thanks.

Andy

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**Importance:** High

Thank you for the pictures and I will reach out to the Mayor and Andy Kilpatrick with Public Service Department.

Can we have some check this out as soon as possible?

Carol

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