

AGENDA

Committee on Public Safety AGENDA FOR MAY 5, 2022 AT 4:00 PM



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

To provide input or ask questions on any item that is listed on the agenda,
members of the public may contact the City Council at city.council@lansingmi.gov or (517) 483-4177 prior to the meeting.

Council Member Wood, Chairperson
Council Member Daniels, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Brown, Member

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - A. April 7, 2022
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 3601 Deerfield Ave.
 - C. DISCUSSION - LFD, recreational fire burning
 - D. DISCUSSION - Larch Park update
 - E. DISCUSSION - U-Haul on S Cedar St; Paved Trail
 - F. DISCUSSION - Mutual Aid Agreements
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Wood called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

PRESENT

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Brian Daniels, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Mary Bowen, OCA
Jeromy Churchill, LPD
Dan Komm, LFD
Kyle Kaminski, Lansing City Pulse

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES MARCH 17, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION – LPD update on 1428 New York Avenue

Lt. Churchill recapped that LPD had five calls to the address from 11/3/2021, two in November 2021 and three in March of 2022, all were security checks with only one run in with a person. He added that officers were out on both March 29th and 30th and there were no signs of activity, no footprints in the snow. Councilmember Wood asked if the property was secure as there are concerns from the neighbors. Lt. Churchill responded that the board from the door was removed, and Code was called, a broom was holding the door closed from the inside and couldn't open. Councilmember Daniels added that he's received emails that people are coming and going from the property, Councilmember recommended to Councilmember Daniels to ask for details on times/days to pass onto LPD. Lt. Churchill replied most calls are on the weekends and gave the Committee is phone number and email.

DISCUSSION – Fire Mutual Aid with Dan Komm

Councilmember Wood introduce Mr. Komm who is with the IAFF local 421 and asked him to explain the mutual aid agreement where it is to assist other communities with call responses. Mr. Komm explained there is mutual aid and automatic aid, LFD has an automatic aid agreement with Delhi Township and cover part of the city from I-96 to Willoughby to Aurelius to Washington and automatically respond to calls in those areas, and pick up from Bishop and M-99, Jolly by Pinetree. He continued that they have a mutual aid agreement with

East Lansing during football games on Saturday's when EL cannot answer calls. There is a big issue with lack of personnel and a shortage of paramedics and EMTs. Mercy cannot respond to Clinton County, so we are going farther and into DeWitt to assist them, they are short people too, we get the call because we typically have five ambulances ready to go and added that he doesn't know the answer, but something needs to be done. Councilmember Daniels asked what that something look like, and Mr. Komm stated he did not have an answer but getting our own recruitment and people involved in licensing. Councilmember Wood asked if he had numbers available, Mr. Komm responded since January 2020 they had 610 aid calls outside of the City for help, 120 calls came in with 111 ambulance calls, 215 into Delhi Twp and 101 into Clinton County.

Councilmember Wood explained to the Committee that Lansing taxpayers is paying a Public Safety millage for LFD/LPD and our trucks and ambulances are going on outside runs into Clinton County and their residents are not paying for it. Mr. Komm added that he sees it becoming a bigger problem and last year they did 25,000 runs. Councilmember Wood inquired on how many paramedics/EMS they have, Mr. Komm responded they have 9 positions open with 111 applicants so should fill but added that other municipalities have the same issue and said they have to figure out how to cover with contracting out or just keep doing what we're doing. Councilmember Daniels asked if it was possible to recoup some of the cost from other counties, Mr. Komm responded they get some but not all the cost.

Councilmember Wood gave an example if there is a multiple shooting or serious car accident, and the city's ambulances are in another county assisting it takes away from what the residents are paying for. Mr. Komm added that they go to help and there is a trade off but there seems to be a dependency that will create a problem, if the city wants more runs, they need more people. Councilmember Wood recommended to Councilmembers Brown and Daniels if they have not done a ride-along with LFD she highly suggests doing so, both agreed, and Mr. Komm said he would give them his card at the end of the meeting. Councilmember Wood also commented that this is a good time to have this discussion with the budget process, and it just need to be brought to light with discussions with the Mayor and administration, so the city isn't in a dilemma in a couple years. Mr. Komm mentioned Senator Hertel was part of a Bill regarding EMS licensing.

Councilmember Wood asked law to if they could see what mutual agreements the city has, and also asked Ms. Richmond to research for the Hertel bill, both Ms. Bowen and Ms. Richmond confirmed.

OTHER

Councilmember Wood asked Ms. Bowen about the ordinance Amanda O'Boyle is working on about the trash ordinance in regard to page 6 lines 9-10, it states, "the appeal must be received not more than 3 days after the compliance date ordered as set forth in the notice", please clarify as it makes no sense to file an appeal within 3 days of a compliance date wouldn't it be once you've received the bill. Ms. Bowen asked for verification on what Councilmember Wood is asking for, Councilmember Wood restated in the ordinance it stated compliance date which could be 7 days to take care of trash, but you have 3 days to appeal, what the notice, date? Councilmember Wood continued she thought the appeal process is once someone's received their bill. Ms. Bowen confirmed she will follow up with Ms. O'Boyle and report back.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:33pm
submitted by Renee Richmond,
Administrative Assistant, Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee on

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

ADDRESS:	3601 DEERFIELD AVE
PARCEL NUMBER:	33-01-01-31-206-051

LISTED TAXPAYER:	WADE, MARY G
INTERESTED PARTIES:	ANTKIER, ROCK (POSS NEW OWNER)
SEV INFORMATION:	\$46,400.00
LAND VALUE:	\$20,176.00
BUILDING VALUE:	\$72,582.00
LOT SIZE:	70 X 120

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	LOT 54 SHERATON PARK
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ORDER OF DEMOLITION BOARD

DEMOLITION BOARD MEETING DATE:	12/2/2021
ORDER:	MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH BY 2/02/2022
REASON/CONDITIONS:	UNSAFE
HEARING OFFICER:	DAVE MUYLLE

CURRENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY

REQUEST FOR SHOW CAUSE SENT:	2/23/2022
SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:	
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW:	

SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:	
DEMOLITION CASE FILE #:	

HOUSING CODE VIOLATION LTR:	2/26/2020
ORIGINAL RED TAG DATE:	9/3/2020
ZONING:	"A" RESIDENTIAL
ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS:	\$71,916.00
PICTURES:	YES
OTHER:	

CURRENT PERMIT ACTIVITY

BUILDING:	REQUIRED NOT PULLED
ELECTRICAL:	REQUIRED NOT PULLED
MECHANICAL:	REQUIRED NOT PULLED
PLUMBING:	REQUIRED NOT PULLED
DEMOLITION:	na



3601 DEERFIELD

- Original Red Tag Date

- 09/03/2020

- Submitted Into Make Safe Or Demolish Process

- 8/27/2021

- Property Vacant/Repairs Exceed Building SEV

- Property vacant more than 180 days

- Repairs exceed building SEV

- Title Information

- WADE, MARY G

3601 DEERFIELD

Property Value Information

● SEV

● \$46,400.00 (*as of 2/23/2022*)

● Structure

● \$72,582 (*as of 2/23/2022*)

● Land

● \$20,176.00 (*as of 2/23/2022*)

● Estimate of Repairs

● \$71,916.00

3601 DEERFIELD.

Housing Code Correction Letters

● Code Compliance Inspection Date

● 02/26/2020

● Code Compliance Letter Written

● 02/26/2020

● 9/03/2020 (RED TAGGED)

● Code Compliance Due Date

● 03/27/2020

3601 DEERFIELD.

Demolition Board Actions

● Demolition Board Show Cause Hearings

- 12/02/2021

- 09/23/2021

● Order by Demolition Board

- MS or D by 2/02/2022

● Request Sent To City Council for Show Cause Hearing

- 02/23/2022

3601 DEERFIELD.

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

3601 DEERFIELD.

General Comments

None of the required permits have been pulled as of 02/23/2022.

Owner of record Mary G Wade passed 10/13/2021.

There is possibly a new owner however they have failed to start work sale is not recorded as of 2/23/2022

RECOMMENDATIONS

● FOR NEW CASES:

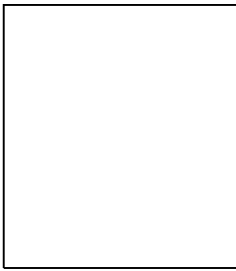
- Recommend time frame for MS or D. This requires a resolution be passed by City Council –
 - 60 days for regular demolitions
 - 30 days for fire-damaged demolitions
- Table case – Stays at PS Committee level for future review.

● 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.



Economic Development & Planning Code Enforcement Office

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

Notice Printed: 02/26/2020

Exterior Correction Notice

**WADE MARY G
3601 S DEERFIELD AVE
LANSING, MI 48911-2316**

Inspection Type:	Safety
Inspection Date:	02/26/2020
Compliance Due Date:	03/27/2020

Violation Location:	3601 DEERFIELD AVE
Parcel No:	33-01-01-31-206-051

The above referenced address was found to have certain violations of the Lansing Housing and Premises Code, Chapter 304 of the Code of Ordinances. **The violations are listed below and must be corrected by the compliance due date.**

AREA: Exterior

***Sec 304.7 Roof covering is deteriorated - damaged - leaking - missing.
Contact the City of Lansing Building Safety Office at 517-483-4355 to
determine if a permit is required.***

**INSPECTOR COMMENTS: *Roof appears damaged/deteriorated. Tarp has been on
roof for a couple years.***

If you have any questions or concerns about complying within the time indicated, you may contact at (517) 483 6849 Monday through Friday between the hours of **8-9** - AM or **12-1** - PM.

Officer: Meredith D Johnson Meredith.Johnson@lansingmi.gov

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.

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- Notice and Orders - a copy of this violation was sent to:

Taxpayer of Record: WADE MARY G, 3601 S DEERFIELD AVE, [String.Parcel Owner.CityStateZip]



Economic Development & Planning Code Enforcement Office

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

Notice Printed: 09/02/2020

Unsafe and Dangerous Correction Notice

WADE MARY G
3601 S DEERFIELD AVE
LANSING, MI 48911-2316

Inspection Type: Safety
Inspection Date: 09/03/2020
Compliance Due Date: 10/03/2020

Violation Location:	3601 DEERFIELD AVE
Parcel No:	33-01-01-31-206-051

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.**

Sec 108.1.5 Roof is deteriorated/damaged/leaking and requires repair.

INSPECTOR COMMENTS: *Contact the City of Lansing Building Safety Office at 517-483-4355 to determine if a permit is required.*

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.**

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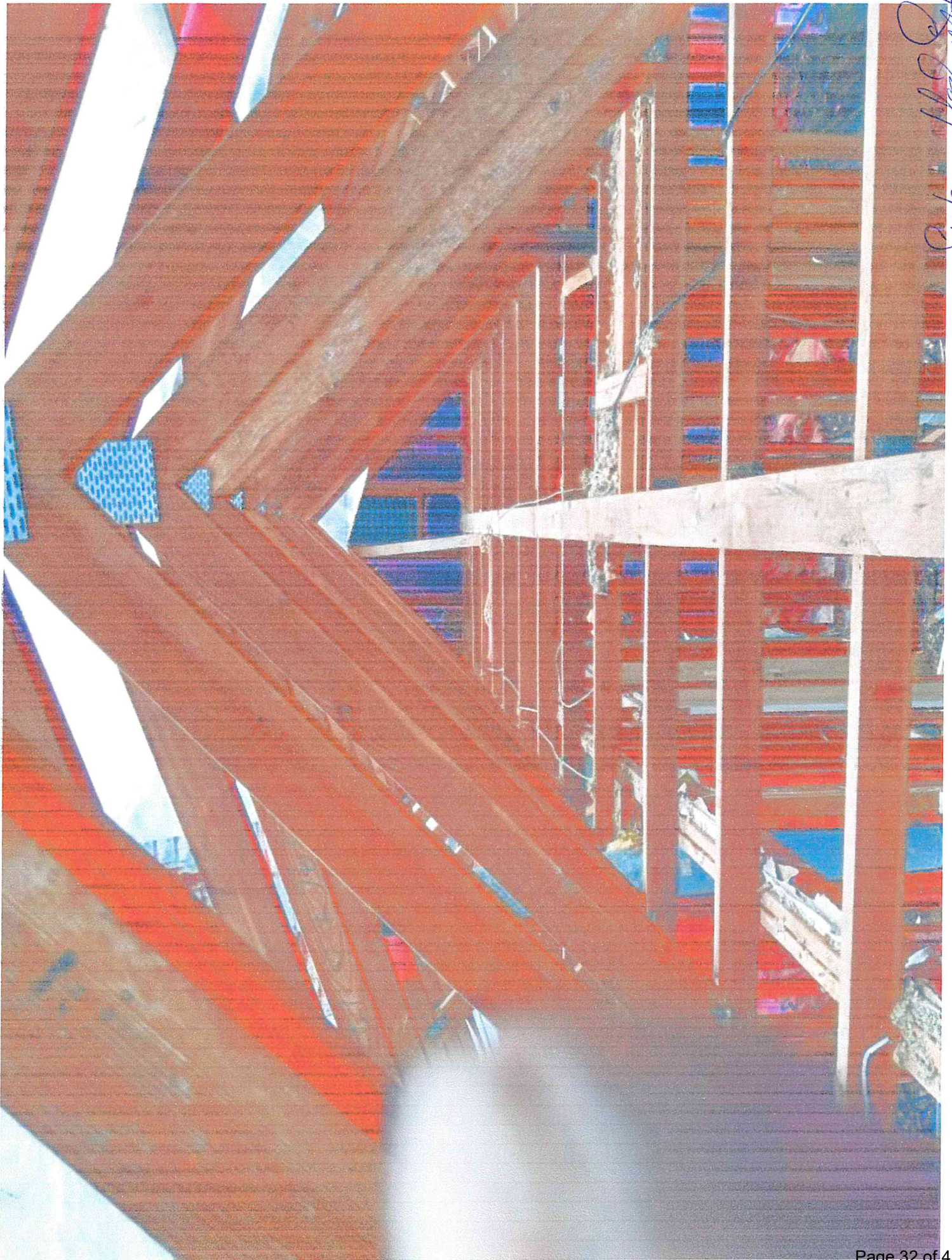












Submitted By







Budget Dumpster, LLC
830 Canterbury Rd.
Westlake, OH 44145

INVOICE

(855)265-6710
www.budgetdumpster.com
admin@budgetdumpster.com

Invoice Number 604498222
Date 3/29/2022

Customer Information

Rocky Antekeier
Rocky Antekeier
(517) 749-8389

Bill to

3601 South Deerfield Avenue
Lansing MI 48911

Memo

Qty	Item	Order Type	Delivery Address	Delivery Date	Last Day	Price	Amt
4.6	Dumpster exceeded weight limit	Overage	3601 South Deerfield Avenue, Lansing, MI 48911		3/9/2022	\$50.00	\$230.00

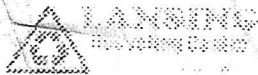
Dumpster exceeded weight limit

Your dumpster rental had a weight limit of 2 ton(s). Upon disposal of your dumpster at the landfill, the contents of your dumpster weighed 6.6 ton(s) or 4.6 ton(s) over the allowed maximum weight limit.

This transaction, including Budget Dumpster's rental of Equipment to Customer, is expressly limited to and made conditional upon Customer's assent to and acceptance of Budget Dumpster's Rental Terms and Conditions ("Terms and Conditions"), as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and as contained and as set forth on our website located at www.budgetdumpster.com (the "Website") which is incorporated herein by reference thereto, as well as any related rental document, including, but not limited to any quotation, proposal, acknowledgment and/or invoice (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Rental Documents"). This Invoice, the Terms and Conditions, the Rental Documents and all applicable requirements and restrictions as set forth in the Website constitutes the entire agreement between Budget Dumpster and Customer relating to the above-referenced Equipment. Any of Customer's terms contained in any request for quotation, purchase order, release, acknowledgement or any other Customer document which are in addition to or different from the terms contained herein are hereby specifically objected to, rejected and excluded, and shall be of no force or effect.

Total	\$230.00
Payments	\$230.00
Balance	\$0.00

In accordance with the Terms & Conditions of your original order, this invoice has been charged to the card on file and has been paid in full



Lansing Recycling Center, LLC
Tel: 517-272-7753
support@LansingRecyclingCenter.com
<http://LansingRecyclingCenter.com>
5507 S. Cedar St.
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 272-7753
LansingRecyclingCenter.com

Served by Scott OBerry

Debris Disposal	
7 x 23.00	161.00

TOTAL	\$ 161.00
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Cash	161.00
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CHANGE	\$ 0.00
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Total Taxes	\$ 0.00
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Have too much to haul? Rent a dumpster
today!

Order 00039-001-0022
04/16/2022 13:09:01

From: Dunham, Jerry <Jerry.Dunham@lansingmi.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 12:42 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@lansingmi.gov>; Wood, Carol <Carol.Wood@lansingmi.gov>; Hussain, Adam <Adam.Hussain@lansingmi.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Meredith D <Meredith.Johnson@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: 3601 DEERFIELD AVE

Building Safety hasn't had any communications with anyone regarding this property since your last City Council meeting. No permits have been have applied as of today.

Jerry Dunham II

Chief Building Inspector

Department of Economic Development and Planning – Building Safety Office

124 W. Michigan Ave. | Lansing, MI 48933

O: 517-483-4167 | C: 517-899-9959 | E: jerry.dunham@lansingmi.gov

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Andy Schor, Mayor

From: Dunham, Jerry <Jerry.Dunham@lansingmi.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Garza, Jeremy <Jeremy.Garza@lansingmi.gov>; Hussain, Adam <Adam.Hussain@lansingmi.gov>
Cc: City Council <City.Council@lansingmi.gov>; Wood, Carol <Carol.Wood@lansingmi.gov>; Johnson, Meredith D <Meredith.Johnson@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: RE: 3601 DEERFIELD AVE

Here are couple more pictures. The one shows the rot of the trusses at the exterior wall bearing point, one shows holes in wall sheeting, and one shows rot of the header. Also Rocky Antekeier is not licensed in the State of Michigan as a building contractor.

Jerry Dunham II

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Andy Schor, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Office has determined that the building located at 3601 DEERFIELD AVE., Parcel # 33-01-01-31-206-051 legally described as LOT 54 SHERATON PARK., City of Lansing is unsafe and dangerous as defined in Section 108.1 of the Lansing Housing Code and the applicable housing laws of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the building at 3601 DEERFIELD AVE. was red tagged on 9/03/2020; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by the Demolition Board on 12/02/2021 at which the hearing officers determined that the building was unsafe and dangerous and ordered the building demolished or made safe by 2/02/2022; and

WHEREAS, said hearing officers filed a report of their findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council take appropriate action under the Lansing Housing Code and the applicable housing laws of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the applicable housing laws of Michigan and the Lansing Housing Code 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a show cause hearings on April 11, 2022, and April 25, 2022, to review the findings and the order of the hearing officers; and

WHEREAS, the property owner was notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause as to why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Demolition Board has not occurred; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 3601 DEERFIELD AVE. are hereby directed to comply with the order of the hearing officers to demolish or otherwise make safe the building at 3601 DEERFIELD AVE. within _____ days from the date of approval of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner is hereby notified that this order may be appealed within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of approval of this resolution pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owner fail to comply with the order to demolish or make safe the building at 3601 DEERFIELD AVE., the Code Enforcement Office is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of the building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whether demolition is accomplished by the property owner or the City, the property shall be seeded or sodded to create a lawn and avoid soil erosion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the owner in whose name the property appears on the last local tax assessment record shall be notified by the City Assessor's Office of the amount owed to the City for the demolition by first class mail at the address shown on the most recent assessment records.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that should the owner fail to pay the total amount owing within thirty (30) calendar days from the date that the notice was mailed by the City Assessor's office, the costs incurred by the City shall be a lien on the property and shall be recovered in the same manner for which tax liens are collected under the general property tax laws of the State of Michigan and the City of Lansing.

From: oldherper@tds.net <oldherper@tds.net>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 7:42 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] recreational fire burning

Hello

My name is Theresa Moran. I am a retiree of the City of Lansing and a homeowner in the north downtown area (on Oakland Ave.). For several years I have had a small, enclosed fire pit in which I burn small branches and firewood for recreation. I was not aware until a few years ago that a permit was needed for this, but I have had a permit since I did become aware of the requirement. I have always burned in a responsible, safe manner and have had no incidents of my own creation. (A couple years ago I had a conflict with a neighbor that reported my fires several times, although the fire department never found a problem with me when they arrived.)

As a retiree, I spend a fair amount of time working out in the yards, doing various gardening and maintenance chores (my partner and I own 6 lots, with 4 addresses). I try very hard to keep our properties looking as nice as possible. In the past, I have enjoyed having the small fire burning while I work, which gives me a place to put small sticks and a nice spot to sit and take a break (there is a picnic table nearby). Now that I have a fire permit, I am limited to burning after 5pm during the week. Sadly, as I've gotten older, I do not feel like sitting out that late in the day very often, so I seldom get to use the burner. My issue/question is this: what is the rationale behind limiting the burning to after 5 during the week? I understand that younger people are often at work during the day, but many people work different sorts of shifts, and the many, many retirees in the city are much more active during daytime hours. It would be much more of a recreational asset to folks like myself to be able to burn during our active, daylight hours.

Could you please consider either:

- 1) altering the current restrictions so that I can enjoy my fires more often, or
- 2) giving me a valid rationale for me not being able to burn during the day, when I am enjoying the yards

Thank you for your time and consideration and (hopefully) a prompt response. I just renewed my burning permit again and hope to be able to enjoy the fire pit as I used to.

Theresa Moran

From: Nancy Mahlow <nmahlow2012@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 9, 2022 10:11 PM

To: Hussain, Adam <Adam.Hussain@lansingmi.gov>; Wood, Carol <Carol.Wood@lansingmi.gov>; Daniels, Brian <Brian.Daniels@lansingmi.gov>; Kaschinske, Brett <Brett.Kaschinske@lansingmi.gov>; Ryan Kost <ryan48820@gmail.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Larch Park

Ok, everyone, spring is here and yes some are out looking for trash!

All joking aside, Ryan contacted me today to express his concerns about the Larch Park condition so we drove over to take a look. For those of you who don't know where it is: N. Larch (just before Grand River on the left-hand side).

I wasn't sure if this is part of Ward 1 or not but included Brian Daniels.

I have attached a few of the photos I took and they are appalling, to say the least.

1. To the left of the sign you can see a "property line stake" which is placed in areas in the front portion of the property.
2. How much of this property is parkland?
3. If not all parkland who owns the rest?
4. It is clear this mess has been there for a while by all the construction materials, broken sinks, mattresses, clothes, etc.
5. I believe there might have been a homeless camp that was recently removed but it is clear this mess is not from them.
6. There used to be playground equipment at this park but has since been removed. Not sure why because while we were there kids were outside playing in their yard and driveway.

Can someone please check on this and let us know how soon it will be cleaned up? This is an absolute shame that these families are exposed to this kind of mess and filth. Summer is fast approaching and it would be nice if they could have a nice place to enjoy themselves.

Thank you

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Nancy Mahlow
nmahlow2012@gmail.com
517-372-3249



From: Andrea Serna <andreamserna@yahoo.com>
Date: April 11, 2022 at 10:29:01 AM EDT
To: "Garza, Jeremy" <Jeremy.Garza@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Paved trail

Good morning,

I'm reaching out due to some rising concerns my family is having regarding the paved trail behind our neighborhood. Specifically the area between Cedar & Sunrose, primarily the area behind the new Uhaul location. Over the last few years the amount of personal belongings as well as trash has increased. I know some of our homeless population uses that area as a "living space". Ive never felt unsafe walking alone until last evening. As I was walking three men on one motorized bicycle, one motorcycle & a regular bicycle were riding towards me. The first two drove on the grass as I was approaching & as the third was approaching he veered off into the woods. The man on the motorcycle then cut across my path (a few feet away) and went into the woods w the other man. They then proceeded to make "an exchange". I assume it was drugs but obviously I'm not sure. I just continued my walk & as I was approaching the path that leads to Gardner another man on a motorized bicycle rode past me. He then turned around somewhere & rode past me in the same direction, turned around at Sunrose then rode past a third time. I'm not sure if he was connected w the other men or not but the whole thing just made me very uncomfortable. So much so that I've told my kids they're no longer allowed to use that portion of the trail. I just don't feel it is safe & whoever is utilizing that space is not only making people feel uneasy but also leaving it a mess. There are constantly carts with clothing and/or food strewn about. Last summer there was an entire cart of frozen/refrigerated food left at the edge of the back uhaul parking lot & the wooded area. I've seen used prophylactics and I can only imagine what else I'd find if I tried looking. I'm not sure if this is something you can deal with and I definitely realize it's a city wide issue. Any information or advice you can give would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Andrea Serna

