

# AGENDA

## Committee on Public Safety AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Daniels, Vice Chairperson  
Council Member Brown, Member

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
  - A. September 1, 2022
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
  - B. RESOLUTION - Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 2026 West Jolly Road
  - C. DISCUSSION - Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Priorities
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**

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**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Public Safety**  
**Thursday, September 1, 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 4:03pm

**PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Renee Richmond, Council Staff  
Lisa Hagen, OCA  
Jim Smiertka, OCA  
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance  
Brian McGrain, Director EDP

**MINUTES**

CM Wood passed the gavel to CM Brown to make a motion for 8/18 minutes since he was not present.

CM Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2022.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Councilmember Brown passed the gavel back to Councilmember Wood.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public present.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing in consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 3422 Lowcroft Avenue

Mr. Sanford stated this is a single family home, demo hearing on 6/23/2022, there has been no contact or action with over \$7,000 in taxes, at more that 50% damage, estimated repairs \$60,560. He continued that since the fire there have been eight board ups, six grass violations and they request 30 days MSD. Councilmember Wood asked if Mr. Sanford has heard from Mr. St. Clair the listed taxpayer, he responded no, and somehow Mr. Muhamed Abdul-Jabar's name was on something but he cannot legally own any properties.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET SHOW CAUSE HEARING IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLIS TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3422 LOWCROFT AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

UPDATE – Single family LHC owned housing report; Brian McGrain

Mr. McGrain stated he and Mr. Sanford went over the list and went by some properties, they have 300 properties with 219 single family, 60% are current with certificates, 80 are in the process with either inspections going or within 45 days. They feel they are in a better spot, did find out that BWL was backwards for the sign and returns but that was corrected, and they have 2-3 red tagged being repaired, sign & return for inspections. Councilmember Wood asked if they are getting payment with no problem for inspections, Mr. McGrain believes so, continuing that there was a time when they couldn't get in or having no shows, Mr. Sanford added he hasn't heard of anybody not showing. Councilmember Wood asked what happens with LHC in negotiations to sell properties and they don't have current certificates and new property owners take. Mr. McGrain responded if inspected and owner purchases our expectations are that the issues have been addressed. Councilmember Brown asked if the red tags are vacant, Mr. McGrain indicated yes, Fireside is in court proceedings and Magnolia is under construction, a third has open permits. Councilmember Brown repeated if they are vacant, Mr. McGrain is fairly certain. Councilmember Brown said so the 80 in process are they making sure everything is in order, Mr. McGrain again repeated they are either inspected in 30 days to correct or are set within 45 days and added that they find real heinous stuff that they want corrected immediately that day, otherwise minor things are given 30 days but try to be flexible if they need an extension.

Councilmember Wood asked Mr. McGrain if he had a change to look over the files Ms. Richmond sent, Mr. McGrain deferred to Mr. Sanford on this. Mr. Sanford said their policy is to review the last inspection and permits to make sure everything open and closed on property. Councilmember Wood asked Mr. McGrain with the RAD grants and makeovers this is building safety, correct? Mr. McGrain confirmed, and Councilmember Wood then asked if they are looking at things so not to have both Code and Safety out if not necessary, Mr. McGrain stated those being fully renovated won't be issued without building sign off.

Councilmember Wood stated to Mr. Smiertka that a request from the public is that Council have additional jurisdiction over the LHC, but can you confirm that this is a state statute and can only change from the state level. Both Mr. Smiertka and Ms. Hagen do not recall the request but confirmed it is state level, but Mr. Smiertka will look into it.

Councilmember Brown asked if properties are not up to code does it affect the tenant during inspection while in the application process. Mr. McGrain indicated this does not involve their department, this is with HUD, LHC and the buyer. Mr. Sanford stated Doug said Title 19 inspection is prior to transfer. Mr. McGrain added if they did the inspection and are within the 30 day window still expect to be in compliance even when sold. Mr. Sanford finished that anything they do is against the real property and not the owner, if the landbank auctions the letter still has to be in compliance before the sale.

DISCUSSION – Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Priorities

Councilmember Wood spoke on the traffic speed wagons and asked Ms. Richmond to contact Andy Kilpatrick to see the progress, she also spoke on the portable speed bumps which are opposed to permanent asphalt and can be moved during spring/summer and do not get ruined by snowplows. These have a calming effect on traffic and does not need a speed assessment. Councilmember Wood continued to ask Ms. Richmond to reach out to Chief Sturdivant in regard to the reinstatement of fire apprenticeship/interns.

Councilmember Brown inquired about the business cards brought up in the Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion for the police officers and something to look at next year.

Councilmember Wood inquire to Mr. Smiertka about establishing a task force of sort that indicates they begin the South Lansing but for the whole city and have resources focus on problem properties. Mr. Smiertka agreed, Councilmember Wood specified doing the budget first then maybe look at it and continued with suggestions on them meeting every two weeks with Code/OCS/Bldg Safety/LFD/LPD and reporting back each meeting. Councilmember Wood added having citizens involved as well, Mr. Smiertka concurred that having citizens on the task force is important because of follow through.

## **OTHER**

## **ADJOURN**

Adjourned at 4:38pm  
submitted by Renee Richmond,  
Recording Secretary, 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>2026 W. JOLLY RD.</b> |
| <b>PARCEL NUMBER:</b> | 33-01-01-32-352-221      |

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:</b> |           |
| <b>DEMOLITION CASE FILE #:</b>  | D2022-005 |

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>LISTED TAXPAYER:</b>    | SMITH, ALEX & AARON |
| <b>INTERESTED PARTIES:</b> |                     |
| <b>SEV INFORMATION:</b>    | \$16,700.00         |
| <b>LAND VALUE:</b>         | \$6,020.00          |
| <b>BUILDING VALUE:</b>     | \$27,451.00         |
| <b>LOT SIZE:</b>           | 31 X 165            |

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>HOUSING CODE VIOLATION LTR:</b> | 9/14/2021       |
| <b>ORIGINAL RED TAG DATE:</b>      | 9/14/2021       |
| <b>ZONING:</b>                     | "A" RESIDENTIAL |
| <b>ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS:</b>        | \$31,542.00     |
| <b>PICTURES:</b>                   | YES             |
| <b>OTHER:</b>                      |                 |

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| <b>LEGAL DESCRIPTION:</b> | LOT 132 PLEASANT GROVE SUB |
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**ORDER OF DEMOLITION BOARD**

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| <b>DEMOLITION BOARD MEETING DATE:</b> | 6/23/2022                        |
| <b>ORDER:</b>                         | MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH BY 8/23/22 |
| <b>REASON/CONDITIONS:</b>             | UNSAFE                           |
| <b>HEARING OFFICER:</b>               |                                  |

**CURRENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY**

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>REQUEST FOR SHOW CAUSE SENT:</b>         | 8/26/2022 |
| <b>SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:</b>             |           |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW:</b> |           |

**CURRENT PERMIT ACTIVITY**

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>BUILDING:</b>   | REQUIRED NOT YET PULLED |
| <b>ELECTRICAL:</b> | REQUIRED NOT YET PULLED |
| <b>MECHANICAL:</b> | REQUIRED NOT YET PULLED |
| <b>PLUMBING:</b>   | REQUIRED NOT YET PULLED |
| <b>DEMOLITION:</b> | REQUIRED NOT YET PULLED |

# 2026 W. JOLLY RD.

- Original Red Tag Date

- 9/14/2021

- Submitted Into Make Safe Or Demolish Process

- 5/25/2022

- Property Vacant/Repairs Exceed Building SEV

- Property vacant more than 180 days

- Repairs exceed building SEV

- Title Information

- ALEX & AARON SMITH

# 2026 W. JOLLY RD.

## Property Value Information

### ● SEV

● \$16,700.00 (*as of 8/26/2022*)

### ● Structure

● \$27,451.00 (*as of 8/26/2022*)

### ● Land

● \$6,020.00 (*as of 8/26/2022*)

### ● Estimate of Repairs

● \$31,542.00

# 2026 W. JOLLY RD.

## Housing Code Correction Letters

### ● Code Compliance Inspection Date

● 09/14/2021

### ● Code Compliance Letter Written

● 09/14/2021

### ● Code Compliance Due Date

● 10/14/2021

# 2026 W. JOLLY RD.

## Demolition Board Actions

- Demolition Board Show Cause Hearings

- 06/23/2022

- Order by Demolition Board

- MS or D by 8/23/2022

- Request Sent To City Council for Show Cause Hearing

- 8/26/2022

# 2026 W. JOLLY RD.

## 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

# 2026 W. JOLLY RD.

## General Comments

- None of the required permits have been pulled as of 8/26/2022.

# 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.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**  
**Economic Development and Planning Division**  
**INTER-OFFICE MEMO**

**To: Scott Sanford, Code Enforcement Manager**

**From: Meredith Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer**

**Date: 5/25/2022**

**Subject: Request for demolition of 2026 W. Jolly Rd**

**Statement of findings:**

This property was found open and accessible on 9/14/2021 and an interior inspection was done. This inspection revealed severe damage and violations, which constituted threats to the life, health, and/or safety of the persons living in or visiting the structure. No communication from the property owners and the dwelling remains red tagged and boarded.

Therefore, I am requesting this structure be demolished.

**Estimate of Cost of Repairs:**  
**(Total cost to rebuild per square foot)**

**Total cost to Rebuild the dwelling.....\$31,542.00**

**2022 assessed value of the dwelling is..... \$15,100.00**

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 4376 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8-9 - AM or 12-1 - PM.

**Officer: Tom Barry tom.barry@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: SMITH ALEX & AARON, 2026 W JOLLY RD, LANSING, MI 48910**

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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>D2022-005 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|

Matter of the building/structure at 2026 W JOLLY RD., which is a ☒ dwelling ☐ garage ☐ other

1. Date of hearing: JUNE 23, 2022 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 \$16,700.00
8. The cost to repair the building or structure to make it safe is \$31,542.00
9. The real estate is described as follows:

Parcel Number: 33 01 01 32 352 221

LOT 132 PLEASANT GROVE SUB, City of Lansing

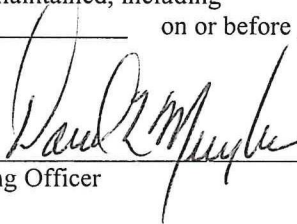
**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

10. ☐ The matter is closed.  
☒ The building/structure shall be made safe or demolished on or before 8-23-2022  
☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Date

6/23/22

Hearing Officer





































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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Code Enforcement Division has declared the building at 2026 W. JOLLY RD. Parcel # 33-01-01-32-352-221, legally described as: LOT 132 PLEASANT GROVE SUB, to be unsafe and dangerous as defined in Section 108.1 of the Lansing Housing Code and the applicable laws of the State of Michigan and thus, ordered the building to be red tagged on September 14,2021 as unsafe to occupy; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Demolition Board, at its meeting held on JUNE 23,2021 declared the building to be unsafe and dangerous as defined in the Lansing Housing Code (1460.09) and the applicable laws of the State of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and ordered the property to be made safe or demolished by AUGUST 23,2022; and

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing Housing Code and the applicable laws of the State of Michigan require that the City hold a hearing to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause as to why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a show cause hearing will be held during the City Council meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in consideration of issuing an order requiring the building at 2026 W. JOLLY RD. to be made safe or demolished within a specific period of time.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council directs the Code Enforcement Division to notify the owner of 2026 W. JOLLY RD. of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing.

**Public Safety.** Reviews service levels and issues related to public safety, including police, fire, ambulance, emergency services, traffic environment and the building inspection program.

CURRENT BUDGET POLICIES FOR FY 2022/2023  
ADOPTED 10/2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Committee on Public Safety** has established the following priorities:

1. Traffic Speed Wagons (Public Service Department)
2. Portable Speed Bumps (Public Service Department)
3. Reinstate the LFD apprenticeship/intern program (Lansing Fire Department)

**From:** Kilpatrick, Andrew <Andrew.Kilpatrick@lansingmi.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2022 10:27 AM  
**To:** Richmond, Renee <Renee.Richmond@lansingmi.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Committee Budget Priorities 2022/2023

Renee,

LPD manages the temporary speed trailers. I believe the current number they have are sufficient for the requests they are receiving. The City is looking to purchase mobile speed signs, which can be attached to light poles and left in place for several weeks, or permanently with a solar panel. LPD is the lead on these.

Our department is no longer purchasing or installing temporary speed humps since the cost of the temporary ones are about the same cost as permanent ones and we didn't feel them to be a cost effective solution. We are updating the list of traffic calming areas and measure that had been approved with the goal of bidding these out in the spring for summer installation.

If the committee would like to have a discussion about either of these items, we can provide more information or attend a meeting.

Andy