

## RESOLUTION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUILDING OFFICIAL TO  
PROCEED WITH SPECIFIED WORK ON THE PREMISES LOCATED  
AT 510 Liberty Street. IN THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA

WHEREAS, The Building Official has caused all (known) interested parties to be advised that the building located at 510 Liberty Street. is subject to be abated under a notice to "ABATE A NUISANCE" from the Building Official of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, a copy of which notice is attached hereto, and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, an oral report by the Building Official was submitted to this Council on August 18, 2011, and an updated report submitted to the City Council, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, indicating that the said owner (s) (has) (have) failed, neglected, or refused to comply with said Notice; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the health and well being of the citizens of Muscatine, Iowa, if this Council were to order the Building Official to "Abate a Nuisance" by demolition as set out in said Notice,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, as follows:

1. The Building Official is ordered to proceed with the demolition of this structure and the clean-up necessary to Abate a Nuisance as specified in said Notice.
2. The Building Official may contract for the performance of said work, the cost of which shall not exceed \$17,630.00, and shall upon completion of said work, transmit a statement of cost to this Council which shall in turn certify the same to the County for placement on the tax roles in the manner prescribed by State Code.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF August, 2011.

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Richard O'Brien, Mayor

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

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Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk

## INFORMATION and CONTACT REFERENCE

### 510 LIBERTY STREET, MUSCATINE

**January 06, 2009** Responded to 510 Liberty Street reference residential structure being occupied without water utility. Upon checking the property and being allowed inside, it was found that the main service had frozen and broke. They were currently pumping water out of the basement as fast as the basement was filling. Muscatine Power and Water was notified and managed to shut water off at stop box at curb. While speaking with residents, Bertha Crabtree 76 yoa with physical disabilities, Ruth Crabtree 47yoa, daughter and caretaker and Kenny Crabtree 32 yoa with mental limitations, it was found that the water service had been leaking for a while. The family did not have the funds to make the needed repairs and was attempting to just get by. I did advise them that they would have to make other living arrangements and stated that they could stay, temporarily, with another daughter, Shirley Crabtree at Cedar Park Apartments. While these arrangements were being made I noted that the remainder of this structure, 1<sup>st</sup> level, was also in very dilapidated conditions and very poorly kept.

After the appropriate arrangements had been made for housing and personal belongings had been gathered, the property was posted for no occupancy.

**January 08, 2009** Application for emergency assistance was filled out by Crabtree's' and this was verified through Cedar Park Apartments management. I spoke with Grace Quigley, mgr. and confirmed that housing was needed as soon as possible as the structure located at 510 Liberty had been posted and likely not repairable by this family.

**Spring 2009** Appropriate notices posted on property reference mowing and junk removal. City contractor was notified to cleanup and place on list for maintenance at this time. Property also needed to be boarded up due to broken windows and non-securable front door.

**July 22, 2011** Building abatement notice sent to Bertha Crabtree, still currently deed holder as well as copies sent to two mortgage holders according to Muscatine County Recorder records.

**July 25, 2011** Received call from Ruth Crabtree reference a certified letter that was attempted for her mother. Ruth advised neither her nor her mom were home so her sister would not sign for it. I advised Ruth what it was in reference to and she advised she would pick it up at the Post Office.

**July 26, 2011** Ruth Crabtree called again and stated that she had been to the Post Office but they did not know what happened to the letter. I told Ruth I would make a copy of it and drop it by to her later today. It was served at around 3:30pm.

**August 01, 2011** Received notice back from American National Mortgage, insufficient address / unable to forward.

**August 02, 2011**                      Received notice back from Homeowners Loan Corporation, not deliverable as addressed / unable to forward.

**August 08, 2011**                      Letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree reference Council Meeting agenda, date and time.

To Date: Property Maintenance Expenses,

2009 - \$ 911.43

2010 - \$ 915.76

2011 - \$ 749.03 and Pending

