CITY OF HIGH POINT **AGENDA ITEM**



Title: Ordinance to Demolish – 1029 Montlieu Avenue

Lee Burnette, Planning & Development From:

February 15, 2016 Director **Meeting Date:**

Advertising Date: Public Hearing: No

Advertised By:

A. Staff report

Attachments: B. Ordinance to Demolish

> C. Map D. Photos

PURPOSE:

A request by Planning and Development – Inspection Services to adopt an ordinance authorizing the demolition of a single family dwelling and the accessory structure located at 1029 Montlieu Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

After a Notice of Violation was issued and a hearing held, an Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on August 12, 2015. No action occurred by the compliance date of November 10, 2015. The necessary repairs to the dwelling exceed its current tax value and demolition is warranted.

The owner acquired the property in 2011 and obtained a building permit as well as trade permits. There was no Minimum Housing enforcement action at that time. The owner began some improvements and then all construction activity ceased, making all permits void. The lack of completed work and the instability of the front porch in particular, Minimum Housing action was warranted.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funds are available in the Department budget for the demolition and asbestos testing of the structures(s), and for the asbestos removal if present.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends the adoption of the requested ordinance to demolish this single family dwelling and the accessory structure based upon the enclosed staff report

PENDING ACTION:

The ordinance becomes effective 30 days from the adoption date. If there has been no action by the property owner by the effective date of the ordinance, then asbestos testing and the demolition bid process will begin and the structure will be removed by the City. After City demolition, the property owner is billed for the cost. If the bill is unpaid, then the City places a lien on the property.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION HOUSING ENFORCEMENT

ORDINANCE

REQUEST: Ordinance to Demolish

PROPERTY

ADDRESS: 1029 Montlieu Avenue

OWNER: Farley Farms, LLC

FIRST

INSPECTION:

7-27-2015 Summary of Major violations:

- Ceiling material susceptible to falling
- Dwelling is missing all plumbing fixtures, water heater and pipes
- Electrical system is unsafe due to exposed wiring throughout dwelling and will require upgrading the service
- Dwelling missing heating unit
- Front porch roof is not properly supported and rotten
- Subflooring throughout dwelling requires replacement

HEARING RESULTS:

8-12-2015 The owner did not appear for the hearing to discuss violations.

During the hearing, the following findings of fact were established. There are numerous violations of the Minimum Housing Code. There are structural violations at the front porch creating an unsafe dwelling. This request includes the accessory structure located on the property. In its present state, necessary repairs to the dwelling exceed 50% of the current tax value of the structure. The Guilford County Tax value of the dwelling is \$27,900. The repair estimate

is \$44,500.

ORDER(S)

ISSUED: Order to Repair or Demolish 8-12-2015 Compliance Date: 11-10-2015

APPEALS: No appeals to date.

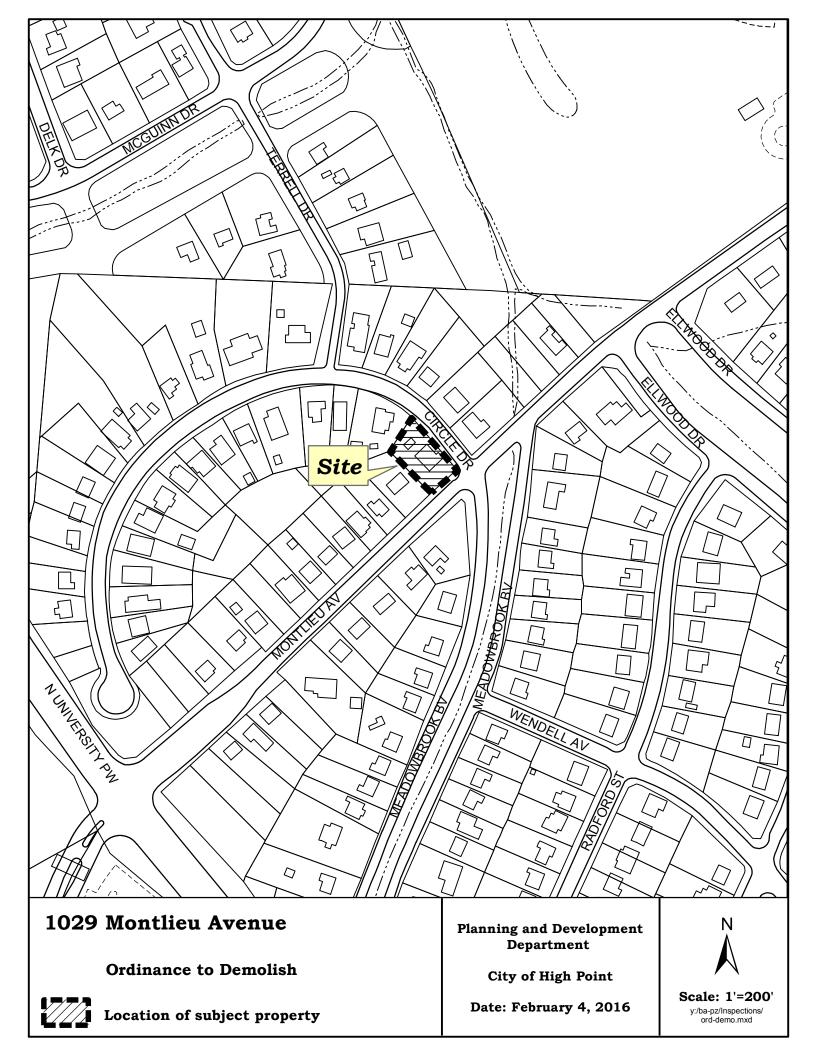
OWNER

ACTIONS: There have been no permits issued and repairs have not started.

EXTENSIONS: None requested

CURRENT

STATUS: Conditions remain the same.



AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE INSPECTOR OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT TO <u>DEMOLISH</u> CERTAIN PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA; AND, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE E, OF THE MINIMUM HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT:

SECTION 1: That the City Council of the City of High Point finds as a fact that the following described property has been ordered to be demolished, and it further finds as a fact that the owner has been ordered to demolish said building at his expense and said Owner has failed to comply with said order.

SECTION 2: That the Inspector of the City of High Point is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the demolition of the following described building in accordance with Code of Ordinances and Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

PROPERTY LOCATION 1029 Montlieu Av High Point, NC OWNER (S) Farley Farms, LLC 3602 Madison Av Greensboro, NC 27403

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: That this ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage as by Law provided.

Adopted by City Council, This the 15th day of February, 2015

Lisa B. Vierling, City Clerk













