

Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

Date: November 27, 2007

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee
Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways & Means Budget/Committee

Subject: Demolition Costs associated with blighted properties on the 249 list

Recommendation:

Amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development agency appropriation in Fund FNAO (Neighborhood Development Account) by \$170,000 from existing fund balance.

Previous Directives: None

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval N/A Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval N/A Date _____

Financial Impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or _X_ Operating Budget
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification: Not applicable

City Goals: In five years all Minneapolis residents will have a better quality of life and access to housing and services; residents will live in a healthy environment and benefit from healthy lifestyles; the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained and people will feel safe in the city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not applicable

Zoning Code: Not applicable

Other:

Background/Supporting Information:

The Department of Regulatory Services is committed to the reduction of blighting influences. The presence of properties that are not recoverable through rehabilitation

increases the blighting influences on the City's neighborhoods. Additionally, these properties are attractive to lawbreakers, thereby further exacerbating a negative impact on livability issues in the neighborhoods. This may create a dangerous situation for the neighborhood and possibly for the lawbreakers, if the building is hazardous.

Due to a high level of property board-ups during 2007, the number of properties requiring demolition has also increased. This increase has resulted in the depletion of the funding to accomplish this work. To achieve this task, the Department of Regulatory Services has requested the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development's financial support of demolishing the properties this year.

The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development has agreed to provide the Department of Regulatory Services with \$170,000 to fund additional 2007 demolitions.

General Operating Resolution

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by:

Increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development agency appropriation in Fund FNAO (Neighborhood Development Account) by \$170,000.