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Date:

August 24th, 2009

Last Known Owner of Record:

Thomas E. Bowman
1955 Snook Road
Franklin Furnace, OH 45629

Location of Subject Property:

1229 St. Patrick Court
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
Parcel #310339.000
Ward: 3

Attention Property Owner:

The property situated at the above referenced location has been declared a public nuisance after inspection(s) by the Portsmouth City Health Department, under the authority of the City Building Officer, on **August 24th, 2009**. You must comply with the recommendations as listed below within the specified time. If you wish to appeal this decision, you must do so within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice. You may file your appeal by completing the attached Request to Nuisance Board of Appeals, or by making your appeal in person to the Engineering Department, 728 Second Street-2nd Floor, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

If you do not appeal these findings, or comply with the recommendations, we will proceed with abatement of said nuisance under section 1313 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth Ohio. The property owner will be billed for the total cost of said abatement; should said cost not be paid in full within sixty (60) days, the cost will be levied as an assessment and recovered in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 715.261.

Findings:

The dwelling/structure is vacant and has unsecured doors and/or windows open to the public and/or vents, openings, or voids allowing for the habitation of pigeons or other pests. Property is not being maintained.

Recommendations:

1. Remove all solid waste, rubbish, garbage, junk, scrap, loose litter, and items of similar nature from the structure and grounds and dispose of properly.
2. Secure the structure by boarding up all readily accessible windows and doors, including basement or cellar doors, using ½" or greater thickness exterior grade plywood, set flush with the portals and secured with screws at least every 10 inches. All upper level windows must be intact and secure. Any broken or missing upper level windows must also be boarded up, as well as any unscreened or missing attic vents, deteriorated eaves, or other voids that permit birds, bats, or other pests to roost inside the structure. If the property has previously been boarded up, but the boards have been removed, improperly installed, or deteriorated, replace the boards as previously described.
3. Cut grass and maintain below 10" in height. Trim or remove overgrown trees, vines, and shrubbery as needed.

Recommended repairs and maintenance shall be completed within 10 days of receipt of this letter, at which time a follow-up inspection will be performed.

Notice:

In the event that this property is sold or transferred, resulting in a change of ownership, the recommendations listed shall also be transferred and become the responsibility of the new owner.

You may direct any questions concerning this order to me at 740-353-5153.



Bruce Spriggs
Code Enforcement Officer
Portsmouth City Health Department

cc: File
Engineering Department

Attachment

Request to Nuisance Board of Appeals

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, OHIO

Engineering Department/Division of Building Inspection

Pertaining to: 1229 St. Patrick Court, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

- (1) Address all communications regarding Appeals to the Department of Engineering, Division of Building Inspection, 728 Second Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 456620.
- (2) Appeals must be on file with the Nuisance Board of Appeals within ten (10) days after issuance of the order.
- (3) Petitioner's presence at the meeting is required.

Address of Property: _____

Last Known Owner of Record: _____

Name and Address of Petitioner: _____

PLEASE STATE YOUR APPEAL. THANK YOU.

It should be understood that any action taken on this appeal will be pertaining to the findings listed on the notice dated: **August 24th, 2009**. Include any attachments, if necessary.

Signed:

Date:
