REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 4-26-10 Item No.: 12.f

Department Approval

Acting City Manager Approval



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Item Description:

Community Development Department Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 1748 Galtier Street.

BACKGROUND

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- The subject property is a single-family detached home.
- The current owner is Carol Armstrong who lives at the property.
- Current violations include:
 - Garbage stored in bags in the driveway (Violation of City Code Section 407.02.D).
- At direction of Council, staff attempted contact with owner in the evenings:
 - Four attempts were made.
 - Three times no answer at door.
 - Once a resident claimed Ms. Armstrong not home.

• On April 16, 2010, staff observed two vehicles in driveway (in the afternoon). Staff attempted to discuss situation with owner. Person refused to discuss, said they would call, however, they never did.

• A status update, including pictures, will be provided at the public hearing.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

Property maintenance through City abatement activities is a key tool to preserving high-quality residential neighborhoods. Both Imagine Roseville 2025 and the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan support property maintenance as a means by which to achieve neighborhood stability. The Housing section of Imagine Roseville suggests that the City "implement programs to ensure safe and well-maintained properties." In addition, the Land Use chapter (Chapter 3) and the Housing and Neighborhoods chapter (Chapter 6) of the Comprehensive Plan support the City's efforts to maintain livability of the City's residential neighborhoods with specific policies related to property maintenance and code compliance. Policy 6.1 of Chapter 3 states that the City should promote maintenance and reinvestment in housing and Policy 2.6 of Chapter 6 guides the City to use code-compliance activities as one method to prevent neighborhood decline.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

City Abatement:

An abatement would encompass the following:

- Removal of garbage stored in bags in the yard or on the driveway.
 - o Approximately \$250.00

Total: Approximately - \$250.00

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In the short term, costs of the abatement will be paid out of the HRA budget, which has allocated \$100,000 for abatement activities. The property owner will then be billed for actual and administrative costs. If charges are not paid, staff is to recover costs as specified in Section 407.07B. Costs will be reported to Council following the abatement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council direct Community Development staff to abate the above referenced public nuisance violations at 1748 Galtier Street by hiring a contractor to remove any garbage bags not in a trash container. This is to be a one time action. If violations continue, staff will bring matter back to Council for further consideration.

46 REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

- Direct Community Development staff to abate public nuisance violations at 1748 Galtier Street by hiring general contractors to remove garbage stored in bags but not in a trash receptacle.
- The property owner will then be billed for actual and administrative costs. If charges are not paid, staff is to recover costs as specified in Section 407.07B. If violations continue, staff to bring the matter back to Council for further consideration.

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Don Munson, Permit Coordinator

Attachments:

A: Map of 1748 Galtier Street

1748 Galtier St N



Prepared by: **Community Development Department** Printed: March 12, 2010



* Ramsey County GIS Base Map (3/4/2010) For further information regarding the contents of this map contact: City of Roseville, Community Development Department, 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville MN

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