



Planning & Inspections Department

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MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager
From: Kelly K. Stultz, AICP, Director
Subject: Human Habitation Standards Action/887 Morgan Road
Date: August 6, 2012

Attached you will find a section of the Human Habitation Standards Ordinance relating to the steps to be taken when an owner fails to comply with an order to repair or demolish and a copy of the Complaint and Notice of Hearing Before Housing Inspector Under Housing Code which sets out the violations. The City of Eden Human Habitation Standards Ordinance and the enabling legislation permit the City Council, upon adoption of an Ordinance, to order the repair or demolition of the structure. An estimate for the demolition of the structure on this property is \$2,700.00.

This structure is in the area currently being rehabilitated under the Holland Street Community Development Block Grant and the cost of the demolition will be paid by grant funds. A minimum housing code action was required because the property was owned by the heirs of Elizabeth Hampton and we could not find addresses for all the heirs.

§ 4-90 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDER; OWNER.

(A) If the owner fails to comply with an order to repair, alter or improve the dwelling, the Director may:

(1) Cause such dwelling to be repaired, altered or improved, and pending such repairs, alterations or improvements, may order such dwelling vacated and closed.

(2) Cause to be posted on the main entrance of any dwelling so closed a placard with the following words: "This building is unfit for human habitation; the use or occupation of this building for human habitation is prohibited and unlawful." Occupation of a building so posted shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(B) If the owner fails to comply with an order to remove or demolish the dwelling, the Director may:

(1) Cause such dwelling to be vacated and closed, removed or demolished.

(2) Cause to be posted on the main entrance of any dwelling so closed a placard with the following words: "This building is unfit for human habitation; the use or occupation of this building for human habitation is prohibited and unlawful." Occupation of a building so posted shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(C) The duties of the Director set forth in subsections (A) and (B) shall not be exercised until the City Council, by ordinance, shall have ordered the Director to proceed to effectuate the purpose of this article with respect to the particular property or properties which the Director shall have found to be unfit for human habitation and which property or properties shall be described in the ordinance. No such ordinance shall be adopted to require demolition of a dwelling until the owner has first been given a reasonable opportunity to bring it into conformity with this article. Such ordinances shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County and shall be indexed in the name of the property owner in the grantor index.

(D) The amount of the cost of repairs, alterations or improvements, or vacating and closing, or removal or demolition by the Director shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred, which lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided by G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 10. If the dwelling is removed or demolished by the Director, he shall sell the materials of such dwelling, and any personal property, fixtures or appurtenances found in or attached to the dwelling, and shall credit the proceeds of such sale against the cost of the removal or demolition and any balance remaining shall be deposited in the Superior Court of Rockingham County by the Director, shall be secured in a manner directed by the court, and shall be disbursed by the court to the persons found to be entitled thereto by final order or decree of the court. (Ord. passed 5-15-95)

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE
HOUSING INSPECTOR UNDER HOUSING CODE

TO: Owners and parties in interest in the property located at 887 Morgan Road of the City of Eden, North Carolina.

ELIZABETH MOYER PERKINS HAMPTON; all assignees, heirs at law and devisees of ELIZABETH MOYER PERKINS HAMPTON together with all creditors and lienholders regardless of how or through whom they claim, and any and all persons claiming any interest in the estate of ELIZABETH MOYER PERKINS HAMPTON;
IRENE MOYER COURTS, RICHETTA ROACH, CLINFORD MOYER and OTIS HAMPTON; all assignees, heirs at law and devisees of IRENE MOYER COURTS, RICHETTA ROACH, CLINFORD MOYER and OTIS HAMPTON together with all creditors and lienholders regardless of how or through whom they claim, and any and all persons claiming any interest in the estate of IRENE MOYER COURTS, RICHETTA ROACH, CLINFORD MOYER and OTIS HAMPTON, including but not limited to the following heirs:

Howard Junior Roach 139 Sunflower Road Reidsville, NC 27320	Howard A. Roach 139 Sunflower Road Reidsville, NC 27302	Jerome Courts 139 Sunflower Rd Reidsville, NC 27320	Clinford Donnell Moyer 2701 E. Main Street Richmond, VA 23223
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the dwelling unit and/or lot located at the address designated above is in a condition that appears to be unfit for human habitation and to violate the City of Eden Minimum Housing Code in the following ways:

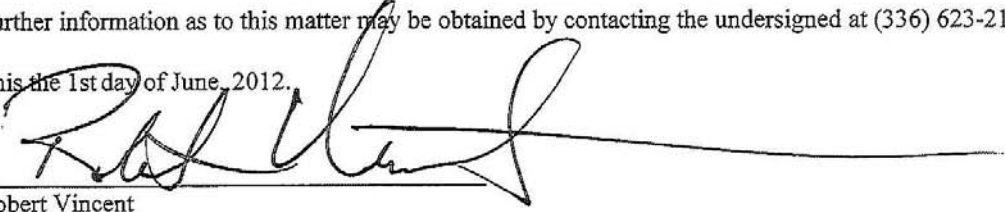
1. Insufficient floors or roofs
2. Dilapidation, decay, unsanitary conditions or disrepair
3. Lack of proper electrical, heating or plumbing facilities

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a hearing will be held before the Housing Inspector of the City of Eden at 308 East Stadium Dr. at 8:30 A.M. on June 20, 2012 for the purpose of finding the facts as to whether or not the condition of such property falls within the scope of the above mentioned sections of the Housing Code. At the hearing, you shall be entitled to offer such evidence as is relevant to material to the questions sought to be determined or the remedies to be effected.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if, upon such hearing, the Housing Inspector shall find that the conditions of the above described property do in fact violate the Housing Code, and do in fact render such dwelling unit unfit for human habitation, the Housing Inspector will issue an order in writing directed to the owner of such property requiring the owner to remedy these conditions. The Housing Inspector may make such other orders and take such other procedures as are authorized under the Housing Code and the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Further information as to this matter may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at (336) 623-2110.

This the 1st day of June, 2012.


Robert Vincent
Chief Codes Inspector

Prepared by and Return to:
Erin B. Gilley

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER
FOR THE DEMOLITION OF
PROPERTY AT 887 MORGAN ROAD,
EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-443 and Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 30th day of May, 2012, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the dwelling owned by the heirs of Elizabeth Moyer Hampton at 887 Morgan Road, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron in the center line of old railroad grade, said iron marking corner between Lots 1-C and Lot 1-D; thence with the division line between said lots, North 83 deg. 25 min. West 159.3 feet to an iron; thence North 3 deg. 00 min. East 107.5 feet to an iron; thence North 75 deg. 28 min. East 19.9 feet to a nail in center line of old railroad grade; thence with said center line of old railroad grade, South 48 deg. 38 min. East 100 feet; thence continuing with center line of said grade in a southeast direction as it curves 87 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and containing 0.23 acre. This being Lot 1-D, as per map titled "Division of Ruth, Clara, and Jane Moir Property" made by W. T. Combs, a Civil Engineer of Leaksville, N.C. dated July 5-17, 1939. Deed Reference: Book 320, page 440.

The above described property being more commonly known as 887 Morgan Road, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7071-18-30-0312-00.

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of June, 2012, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 20th day of June, 2012, which was served on the property owners by publishing the Complaint and Notice in the Rockingham Section of the News & Record on June 7, 2012, and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 6th day of June, 2012; that Howard Junior Roach, Howard A. Roach, Jerome Courts and Clinford Donnell Moyer, four of the heirs of Elizabeth Moyer Hampton, were mailed copies of the Complaint and Notice of Hearing on June 5, 2012, by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first class mail; that the certified mail for Clinford Donnell Moyer was returned by the U. S. Postal Service and marked "Insufficient Address, Unable to Forward;" that the first class mail was not returned; that the certified mail to Howard Junior Roach, Howard A. Roach and Jerome Courts was received on June 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 20th day of June, 2012, and subsequently on the 28th day of June, 2012, the Director issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served upon the property owners by publishing the Order in the Rockingham Section of the News & Record on July 4, 2012, and by posting a copy on the subject property on the 2nd day of July, 2012; that Howard Junior Roach, Howard A. Roach, Jerome Courts and Clinford Donnell Moyer were mailed copies of the Order on June 28, 2012, by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first class mail; that the certified mail was returned by the U. S. Postal Service and marked "Unclaimed;" that the first class mail was not returned; and

WHEREAS, the property owners did not appeal the Order and, pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 4-89(b) of the Eden City Code, a copy of the order has been mailed to any organization involved in providing or restoring dwellings for affordable housing that has filed a written request for such notice; and

WHEREAS, the Owners have had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and they have failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Human Habitation Standards set out in Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structure located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the name of Elizabeth Moyer Perkins Hampton; Irene Moyer Court, Richetta Roach, Clinford Moyer and Otis Hampton in the Grantor index.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amount of the cost of demolishing the dwelling by the Director shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred, said lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided by North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A, Article 10.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 21st day of August, 2012.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: _____
John E. Grogan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

I, Sheralene Thompson, Assistant Clerk of the City of Eden, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument is a true, correct and complete copy of An Ordinance and Order For The Demolition Of Property at 887 Morgan Road, Eden, North Carolina that was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Eden, at a regular meeting of said City Council duly convened and held on the 21st day of August, 2012, as appears upon the minutes of said meeting.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the said City of Eden, North Carolina, this the _____ day of _____ August _____, 2012.

Sheralene Thompson
Clerk of the City of Eden, North Carolina