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Mayor Smith City Council Members

Re:

5417 Maple

Lot 10 Block 1 Banksberg Sub Parcel 33N0280000900 North Little Rock, AR 72118

Owner: JoAnn Hodge

North Little Rock, AR

Mortgage Holder; Deutsche Bank National Trust Company

Dear Mayor Smith:

April 2017 Officer L. Epperson conducted an exterior inspection of the property after receiving complaints regarding a vacant deteriorating structure. Upon arrival he found the grass to exceed 8" in height old roofing and trash in the yard. Parts of the roof had been removed, broken windows, a large dumpster has been sitting for a long period of time was completely full. He mailed notice of public nuisance to owners of record. He later made contact with a Mr. JuJu Harshaw, he stated that he was purchasing the house from the current Ms. JoAnn Hodge. Mr. Epperson issued Mrs. Christie Harshaw a citation upon her husband's request for Public Nuisance, Failure to Cut grass and Property Maintenance Violations.

May 2017 Officer F. McHenry started the condemnation proceedings due to the condition of the structure, a notice of public nuisance along with a notice of City Council hearing was mailed by certified and regular mail to all interested parties and also posted on the property, and advertised in the newspaper for a City Council hearing date of August 28th, 2017.

I later heard from Jo Ann Hodge who stated they are in fact selling the property but have never filed any paperwork with the Pulaski County Courthouse. She also stated that the Harshaw's still owe a substantial amount of money in regards to the Mortgage payments. Ms. Hodge was advised she is still the owner of record, therefore she is the responsible party. Arnold Coleman Building Inspector issued a stop work order April 2016 due to no permits.

The structure is also considered to be a public nuisance, and is unsafe for human habitation. It is the recommendation of the North Little Rock Code Enforcement Department that this structure be considered for condemnation.

Felecia McHenry Code Enforcement Officer























