

**BLIGHT APPEAL HEARING
OCTOBER 13, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

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Property Owners Present

Mike Cook

City Officials Present

Doug Novak- Acting Blight Officer
Joe Jaumann Esq.

Call to Order:

Attorney Jauman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Attorney Jaumann called upon Mr. Mike Cook property owner of 45 Jewett Street Ansonia, CT 06401. Attorney Jaumann explained the appeals process.

Mr. Novak says he had a brief discussion says he had a brief discussion with Mr. Cook prior to Attorney Jaumann attending.

Mr. Novak states the property was originally cited for the condition of rear porches as well as overgrown grass. Mr. Novak says in August of 2015 the property was deemed unsafe and the rear staircase can not be used by tenants. Mr. Novak goes on to say that Mr. Cook did not realize that he only had 180 days to start the project once the permit was pulled.. Mr. Cook was had the understanding that he had one year to remedy the issue of the rear porches and staircases.

Mr. Novak says the third floor tenant is currently being evicted and should be completely off the property by October 24, 2015, the second floor is vacant and the first floor of the property has one occupant.

Mr. Novak says that health and safety is the biggest issue and the pictures of the property are dated December 2014.

Mr. Cook says Mr. Novak, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Tingley, and anyone else he has dealt with regarding this issue have been wonderful to work with. Mr. Cook says he completely agrees that the rear staircase is unsafe and at the time this began he understood that he had one year to complete the work, but has since received notice that it is in fact 180 days. Mr. Cook goes on to say that he is currently trying to figure out what to do with the building.

Attorney Jaumann says there are two issues today- the blight issue and the health and safety issue which falls under Building and Zoning. Attorney Jaumann says that he is uncertain as to what can and/or will happen as far as the health and safety issue now that the city has been notified. Attorney Jaumann did explain some possible scenarios of what could happen just so Mr. Cook is aware.

Attorney Jaumann asks Mr. Novak in terms of the blight what his recommendations are and says he is willing to give Mr. Cook 30 days to remedy the issue as far as blight is concerned.

Mr. Cook asks if he signs a document with the city stating he will not rent the apartments and he takes down the rear porches will that alleviate the issue. Attorney Jaumann states taking down the porches will resolve the blight issue but as far as the health and safety, Mr. Cook will need to contact Building and Zoning.

Attorney Jaumann gives Mr. Cook one month to remediate the blight issue and encourages Mr. Cook to contact Mr. Novak when finished. Attorney Jaumann says he will set a date of November 17, 2015 to return.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacquelyn Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk