

**BLIGHT APPEAL HEARING
MAY 09, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

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City Officials Present

Dave Blackwell
Daniel King

Property Owners

Andrew Tkacs

Call to Order:

Mr. King called the hearing to order at 5:34 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. King calls upon Mr. Andrew Tkacs property owner of 68 Franklin Street Ansonia, CT 06401. Mr. King asks if any of the blight issues have been remediated. Mr. Tkacs says as of right now, no. Mr. Tkacs says he had some issues getting a tenant out. Mr. Tkacs continues to say he got the tenant out by court order in late January, but although it was court ordered the tenant has not removed the vehicle. Mr. Tkacs goes on to say he would like to correct the issues and has no problem doing that, he just asks for more time. Mr. Tkacs says he is putting in an insurance claim do to damages inside the home as well.

Mr. Tkacs provides copies of court documents in regards to the previous tenants eviction.

Mr. Blackwell asks if Mr. Tkacs or his wife are the owners of the vehicle left on the property. Mr. Tkacs says no. Mr. Blackwell asks permission from Mr. Tkacs to go on the property to put a tow sticker on the vehicle because it is now considered abandoned. Mr. Tkacs says that is not a problem at all. Mr. Blackwell says he will sticker the vehicle and it will be towed.

Mr. Tkacs says he should begin working on the outside of the property within the next week.

Mr. King says the condition of the outside was not tenant induced, it is a safety issue to the public. Mr. Tkacs says a lot of it is tenant induced, all the broken glass is from the previous tenants. Mr. Tkacs says that the tenant damaged both the inside and outside of the property and it has been a good 10 months since he has been on the property due to legal reasons.

Mr. Tkacs asks for about a week in a half to get the glass cleaned up, he says he does not want to see anyone get hurt. Mr. Tkacs says that a dumpster should be there in about 2 weeks.

Mr. Blackwell asks if it was the previous tenants that ripped off the siding. Mr. Tkacs says yes.

Mr. Blackwell says the property needs to be cleaned up but there is substantial work to be done along with the clean up.

Mr. Tkacs says he does not want to give a timeline but his goal is to take out an equity loan to fix some of the more costly issues.

Mr. King asks if the property is currently occupied. Mr. Tkacs says no both apartments are vacant at this time.

Mr. Blackwell asks if 3 months is fair. Mr. Tkacs says he would like to say yes. Mr. Blackwell says that the outside needs to be cleaned up now but as far as some of the other issues such as paint, siding, and windows that can be done a little later.

Mr. Blackwell asks what is in the garages. Mr. Tkacs says last time he checked it was a washer and dryer and a couple old tool boxes. Mr. Blackwell suggests to remedy the garage doors they can just be taken off as long as the garages are not packed and an eyesore from the street.

Mr. King says we will revisit in 90 days and see where things are at then. Mr. King says there are 11 items in total that are blight that need to be remediated and progress needs to be made over the course of the next 90 days.

Mr. Blackwell explains the Blight Law and says that at \$250.00 per item per day it will cost \$2750.00 per day in fees going back to the date of citation. Mr. Blackwell adds that a lien can be placed. Mr. Blackwell says that he is not here to work against anyone and wants to work with people to avoid liens and fines. Mr. Tkacs agrees and says he wants to fix it and will address the issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacquelyn Craig". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk