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City Issues Second Shaming Order for 2007

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Milwaukee, WI — The City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) placed a shaming sign on a vacant eight-family residential property in the Eaton neighborhood today. The building is at 4265 N. 27th St. and is owned by Roger L. and Ilona G. Stank, who live at 5511 N. 53rd St. The Stanks have failed to correct code violations dating back to September of 2004. If the Stanks fail to submit an acceptable restoration plan, the City plans to tear the building down and hand the bill to the owners.

This is the second time a residential property has been the focus of a City shaming sign. It is hoped the added attention will motivate the owners to make necessary repairs. The Stank's own four additional properties that are also subject to orders from DNS. The addresses are 6050 W. Appleton Ave., 5511 N. 53rd St., 5500 N. 54th St., 8110 W. Bradley Rd..

First District Alderman Ashanti Hamilton said, "The City can no longer allow absentee landlords to destroy the infrastructure of our neighborhoods. Your City officials and I will continue to be diligent on building issues."

Using a special City ordinance under Section 218-9, the City is declaring the Stank building a nuisance and condemning it. This allows the City to post the sign and use public pressure to get the owners to repair the building. The Stank's are not strangers to building code violations. To date they have received \$9519 in fines for code violations. They currently owe the City \$3067 on that balance. They also have two cases pending in municipal court after being convicted 12 times in the last 3 years on building and zoning code violations.

The City will take bids after May 1st to tear down the structure and put the cost of the demolition as lien on the owner. DNS found that including numerous code violations, the building is severely overloaded with storage to the point it poses a potential fire hazard to the neighborhood and firefighters who may have to respond. Pictures of the interior are available upon request.

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