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## Common Council Overrides Mayor's Veto on Amendment Tackling Neighborhood Blight

Today (Tuesday) the Common Council overrode the Mayor's veto to add \$1.5 million to the Department of Neighborhood Services 2019 budget for demolition of blighted properties. The veto override means a total of \$2.5 million will be available for the DNS Concentrated Blight Elimination capital improvements project, which provides higher capacity for removal of abandoned, vacant homes.

Currently there are nearly 500 homes in the city of Milwaukee that have raze orders. Of those 56 should be immediately torn down due to safety reasons. Alderman Robert J. Bauman, the amendment lead sponsor, emphasized the initial \$1 million proposed in the Mayor's budget would have funded demolition of only 38 of those properties.

"So it is obvious additional funding was needed just to address the emergency properties, let alone the hundreds more," he said. "I am appreciative of my fellow Council members who saw the need for additional resources to tackle this major blight issue facing neighborhoods."

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