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Winston-Salem City Council
APPROVED
September 2, 2025

**ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF A STRUCTURE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE V, SECTION 10-203((f)(2) OF THE CODE OF
THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM**

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Services Department, after due notice and hearing, determined that the property hereinafter described in Exhibit (s) was unfit for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, either the Mayor and City Council adopted an ordinance, or the Housing Conservation Administrator issued a repair or vacate and close order; and

WHEREAS, the repairs necessary to render the structure fit for human habitation would cost less than fifty percent (<50%) of the present value of the structure; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property herein described in Exhibit(s) vacated and closed said structure and kept it vacated and closed for a period of six months pursuant to said Order; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council hereby finds that:

(1) Six months has passed since the structure was vacated and closed pursuant to the

previous order.

- (2) The property owner has abandoned the intent and purpose to repair, alter or improve the dwelling in said order to render it fit for human habitation.
- (3) The continuation of said structure in its vacated status will be inimical to health, safety, morals and welfare of the City in that the dwelling will continue to deteriorate, will create a fire and safety hazard, will be a threat to children and vagrants, will attract persons intent on criminal activities, will cause or contribute to blight and the deterioration of the property values in the area and will render unavailable property and dwelling which may otherwise have been available to

ease the persistent shortage of decent and affordable housing in this State and City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, as follows:

Section 1. The owner(s) of the property herein described in Exhibit(s) is hereby ordered to demolish and remove said property within ninety days.

Section 2. In the event the owner(s) fails to comply with this order of the Mayor and City Council within the prescribed time period, the Neighborhood Services Department of the City of Winston-Salem is hereby ordered and authorized to effectuate the purpose of the Housing Code of the City of Winston-Salem (Chapter 10, Article V of the Code of the City of Winston-Salem) with respect to the property herein described by causing said dwelling be demolished and removed.

Section 3. The property to which this ordinance applies is known and described as set out in Exhibit(s) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption, and a copy hereof, certified by the City Clerk of the City of Winston-Salem, shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Forsyth County, North Carolina, and shall be indexed in the name of the property owner(s) in the grantors index, as provided by law.

INSTRUMENT DRAWN BY:

CITY ATTORNEY