

TO: Mayor Craft & Members of the City Council

FROM: Brandan Franklin

SUBJECT: Appeal of Eyesore Property located at 3500 East 2nd Street.

DATE: March 16, 2016

ISSUE: The owner of the structure located at 3500 E 2nd Street is appealing to the City for more time related to the repair or removal of a fire damaged structure.

BACKGROUND: A fire severely damaged the structure located at 3500 E 2nd Street in December 2015. A letter was sent to the owner (Joe Bankemper) on February 17, 2016 to repair or remove the structure. This letter was sent after receiving correspondence from Fire Marshal Surry stating Gulf Shores Fire Rescue, Alabama Fire Marshal's Office and the Gulf Shores Police Department had completed their investigations and no longer needed the building to remain.

Mr. Bankemper has requested additional time from the initial 45 days given him to remove or repair the structure. He has stated he has not come to an agreement with the insurance company regarding the building being deemed a total loss. He is requesting an additional 60 days to allow him to continue negotiations with his insurance company.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend approval of the 60 day extension. This should allow ample time for the owner and insurance company to settle the issue at hand.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NONE

RELATED ISSUES: None

ATTACHMENTS: See attached photographs

DEPARTMENT: Building

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