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In my experience the most objectionable neighbor is an abandoned building. This view comes from living next to the vacant building at 1062 Front ave for close to 8 years. Starting with a dead cat in the yard the month I moved in and culminating with a weekend a few months ago where I called the police on trespassers 3 times it has placed undue burden on neighbors. A yard of overgrown weeds with a dilapidated house and garage detracts from everything around it. More disconcerting has been the trespassing. I have looked out my dining room window and made eye contact with someone inside the vacant house that wasn't supposed to be there. No one has ever accosted me and to my knowledge there has been no damage to my property, but watching someone pound on an abandoned garage, because the city came through and clipped it with his stuff in it is unpleasant and stressful. There are people living next to the property suffering its externalities and have been for an incredible amount of time.

Fortunately, the last few months have been very exciting. This process has motivated some improvements and a commitment to more. I thank Amy Brendmoen helping get the ball rolling and all the folks at the city for keeping me informed.

Andrew S. Johnson