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**Title:** Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 378 SIMS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the December 20, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to 180 days)

**Sponsors:** HwaJeong Kim

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| 7/22/2024  | 6    | Mayor's Office       | Signed                  |        |
| 7/17/2024  | 5    | City Council         | Adopted As Amended      | Pass   |
| 7/10/2024  | 5    | City Council         | Continue Public Hearing | Pass   |
| 6/25/2024  | 4    | Legislative Hearings | Referred                |        |
| 6/11/2024  | 4    | Legislative Hearings | Laid Over               |        |
| 5/28/2024  | 4    | Legislative Hearings | Laid Over               |        |
| 5/14/2024  | 4    | Legislative Hearings | Laid Over               |        |
| 4/17/2024  | 4    | City Council         | Referred                | Pass   |
| 3/26/2024  | 3    | Legislative Hearings | Referred                |        |
| 3/12/2024  | 3    | Legislative Hearings | Laid Over               |        |
| 2/14/2024  | 2    | City Council         | Referred                |        |
| 2/13/2024  | 2    | Legislative Hearings | Referred                |        |
| 12/19/2023 | 1    | Legislative Hearings | Referred                |        |
| 11/14/2023 | 1    | Legislative Hearings | Laid Over               |        |

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 378 SIMS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the December 20, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to 180 days)

**AMENDED 7/17/2024**

WHEREAS, the Department of Safety and Inspections has determined that 378 SIMS AVENUE is a nuisance building pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code §45.02 as 1) it is a vacant building as defined in §43.02; and 2) it has multiple housing code or building code violations or it has conditions constituting material endangerment as defined in §34.23, or it has a documented and confirmed history as a blighting influence in the community; and

WHEREAS, this property is legally described as follows, to wit: EDMUND RICE'S FOURTH ADDITION LOT 6 BLK 6; and

WHEREAS, based upon the records in the Ramsey County Recorder's Office and information on file or obtained by the Department of Safety and Inspections, the following are the owners, interested or responsible parties for the subject property as of August 31, 2023: Wesley Hart, 13130 Quail Creek Drive NE, Blaine MN 55449; Wesley Hart, 378 Sims Ave, St Paul MN 55130-4034; Everett Financial, d/b/a Supreme Lending, 14801 Quorum Dr Suite 300, Dallas TX 75254; MERS, PO Box 2026, Flint MI 48501-2026; First Bank & Trust, 1909 Highway 36 W, Roseville MN 55113; and Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, each of these parties was served a written order dated August 31, 2023 advising them of the basis for the determination that the subject property was a nuisance, and that the nuisance building was to be repaired or razed and removed by September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this order informed the interested or responsible parties that they must repair or raze and remove the structures(s) located on the Subject Property by September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a placard indicating the City's order that this nuisance building be abated was posted on the building on September 1, 2023 in accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code §45.11(2)c; and

WHEREAS, the nuisance condition was not corrected by September 30, 2023, and therefore an abatement hearing was scheduled before the City Council on December 20, 2023 and the owner or his duly authorized representative and any interested parties or their duly authorized representatives were properly notified of the time, date, and place of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Hearing Officer provided the owner and other interested parties an opportunity to discuss the matter at legislative hearings on November 14, 2023, December 19, 2023 and February 13, 2024, March 26, 2024, May 11, May 28, June 11, June 25; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing were was held on December 20, 2023, February 14, 2024, April 17, 2024, July 10, 2024 ad July 17, 2024 and the City Council reviewed the record, which included the exhibits from the Department of Safety and Inspections, the minutes and recommendation of the Legislative Hearing Officer and any testimony at the hearing. Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby finds:

1. That the structure(s) at 378 SIMS AVENUE is a nuisance building pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code §45.02, as 1) it is a vacant building as defined in §43.02; and 2) it has multiple housing code or building code violations or it has conditions constituting material endangerment as defined in §34.23, or it has a documented and confirmed history as a blighting influence in the community; and 3) these nuisance conditions have not been corrected after notice of the same to the owner.

2. That the Department of Safety and Inspections has complied with all of the procedural requirements of the Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 45.

3. That the owners, interested parties or responsible parties have not presented a plan acceptable to the Legislative Hearing Officer and Department of Safety and Inspections staff to repair the structure(s) and correct all of the deficiencies listed in the Order to Abate Nuisance Building and the Code Compliance report and to make the structure(s) safe and code compliant within 15 days. And, Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the City Council orders that the owners, interested parties or responsible parties shall repair the structure, correct all of the deficiencies listed in the Order to Abate Nuisance Building and the Code Compliance report and to make the structure(s) safe and code compliant, or shall raze and remove the structure(s) within 45 180 days after the City Council Public Hearing. And, Be it Further

RESOLVED, that at the conclusion of the 180-day grant of time, the Council will receive a report from the Legislative Hearing Officer with findings on the status of the nuisance abatement; And Be It Further

RESOLVED, that a Legislative Hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2025, at which owners, interested parties and Department of Safety and Inspection staff will present information on the current building conditions and progress toward abatement of the dangerous/nuisance conditions and the resulting findings will be presented to the City Council at a public hearing on February 5, 2025 for its consideration; And, Be It Further

RESOLVED, that if the necessary corrective action has not been taken within the time allotted, the Department of Safety and Inspections is may be authorized to take those steps necessary to raze and remove this structure and to charge the costs incurred in accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code §45.12(4). Any personal property or fixtures of any kind shall be removed by the owners, interested parties or responsible parties prior to the resolution compliance date or it will be considered to be abandoned and the City of Saint Paul shall remove and dispose of such property as it deems appropriate. And, Be It

FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be served on any of the parties required to be notified in Saint Paul Legislative Code §45.12(4).