

**Department of Neighborhood Services**Inspectional services for health, safety and neighborhood improvement

March 7, 2002

Martin G. Collins Commissioner Schuyler F. Seager Deputy Commissioner

Alderman Michael D'Amato, Chair Judiciary and Legislation Committee Office of the City Clerk Room 205, City Hall

Attention: Kathleen Marquardt

Re: File No. 011526

3368 North Buffum Street

Dear Alderman D'Amato:

The owner of the above-referenced property has applied for a Vacation of In Rem Judgement.

The owner indicates she owns several properties. We have not had any recent enforcement problems with the property in question.

We have had significant problems with the property she owns at 2533 North Hubbard. In the past 2 years we have litigated 3 orders for which the owner was fined \$1,940. We have charged \$284 in nuisance abatement and reinspection fees in 2001; another \$230 in reinspection fees charged are pending in 2002. There is an open Code Enforcement order with which the owner has not complied. We are reinspecting that order for compliance on a monthly basis and assessing reinspection fees as appropriate.

We recommend against return of the property. The owner's failure to comply with any of the orders on the property indicates an unwillingness to maintain her properties. Returning this property may result in a deterioration of it with a corresponding negative impact on the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Schuyler F. Seager

Deputy Commissioner

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