



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

Art Dahlberg
Commissioner

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November 11, 2010

Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Chair
Judiciary and Legislation Committee
Office of the City Clerk
Room 205, City Hall

Re: File No. 100826
Address 7311 W Sheridan Av

Dear Alderman Hamilton:


The owner of the above-referenced property has applied for a Vacation of In Rem Judgment. The Department of Neighborhood Services recommends that this property not be returned to the former owner.

This property has a substantial history of violations of the building and zoning codes. Since the year 2000, we have received 11 verified complaints and have issued 18 orders for numerous violations related to the building's exterior, the garage, defective sewer system, defective heating system, litter nuisance, nuisance vehicles, boardup, unsanitary conditions, storage of combustible waste materials and illegal outdoor storage. In May of this year the building was declared unfit for human habitation.

The former owner has shown a lack of cooperation in complying with our orders, as we have prosecuted 4 orders in Municipal Court, have boarded the building 3 times, and have assessed special charges of almost \$19,000.00.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Neighborhood Services does not believe it is in the best interest of the City to return this property to the former owner.

Sincerely,


Lynne Steffen
Business Operations Manager