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Resolution directing the Department of Public Works-Operations Division to establish a Tip Hotline for the vandalizing of vacant buildings.

The Department of Public Works-Operations Division currently administers an Illegal Dumping Tip Hotline. This resolution directs the Department of Public Works-Operations Division to establish and administer a Tip Hotline for reporting the vandalizing of vacant buildings, using the Illegal Dumping Tip Hotline Special Purpose Account.

Whereas, A significant relationship exists between the vandalizing of vacant buildings and increased calls for police services, higher incidence of fires, both accidental and intentional, and decline and disinvestment in neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Vandalized vacant buildings become havens for vandalism, arson and drug crimes, representing not only a drain of valuable governmental resources, but also creating a significant reduction of the quality of life for the surrounding neighborhood; and

Whereas, Vandalized vacant buildings are rarely repaired and become a neighborhood blight, eventually requiring demolition of buildings; and

Whereas, The Common Council passed an ordinance (Common Council File Number 111512) on April 11, 2012, establishing a penalty of \$1,000 to \$5,000 for vandalizing a vacant building and causing more than \$500 damage to the property; and

Whereas, The 2012 City Budget appropriated \$25,000 in funding for the Illegal Dumping Tip Hotline; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Public Works-Operations Division is directed to establish and administer a Tip Hotline for reporting the vandalizing of vacant buildings; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Tip Hotline for reporting the vandalizing of vacant buildings shall be operated with funds from the Illegal Dumping Tip Hotline Special Purpose Account (0001-5450-001-S220-006300); and, be it

Further Resolved, That the proper City officials are authorized to enter into necessary contracts for the purpose listed.

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