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Substitute resolution directing the Department of Neighborhood Services to place a moratorium on mechanical demolitions of one to 4-family residential properties.

This resolution directs the Department of Neighborhood Services to place a moratorium on mechanical demolitions of one to 4-family residential properties until certain conditions are met.

Whereas, Demolition produces 90% of all construction and demolition debris in the United States; and

Whereas, Milwaukee has been working to find alternatives to mechanical demolition, including deconstruction; and

Whereas, Building deconstruction and rehabilitation projects offer job training and workforce development opportunities; and

Whereas, The National Association of Home Builders has reported that lumber prices have risen by 250% since April, 2020, adding nearly \$36,000 to the average price of a new single-family home and posing a significant challenge to the construction of new affordable housing units; and

Whereas, Many buildings currently on the City's raze list could be rehabilitated and returned to productive use if sufficient resources were available; and

Whereas, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden on March 11, 2021, provides more than \$1.88 trillion in federal investments urgently needed to help workers, families, businesses and state and local governments recover from the on-going COVID-19 public health emergency; and

Whereas, ARPA also includes funds for local governments to carry out critical infrastructure projects enabling work, education and health monitoring in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as other targeted funding that may be awarded to local governments at a later date; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee is slated to receive more than \$400 million in federal money through the ARPA; and

Whereas, The Common Council is committed to establishing community-centered guidelines for the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act; now, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Neighborhood Services is directed to place a moratorium on mechanical demolitions of one to 4-family residential

properties until the City develops its program to deploy ARPA funds for housing development in the city, and, be it

Further Resolved, That members of the Common Council may request the demolition of individual properties during the moratorium; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the moratorium shall be in effect until December 31, 2021; and, be it

Further Resolved, That this resolution shall not affect any properties currently under contract for mechanical demolition.

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