

COMPARED VERSION  
SECOND COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO ORIGINAL RESOLUTION

SECOND COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. 160225

Affirming the City's commitment to the preservation of neighborhoods when demolishing dangerous buildings and structures; and directing the City Manager to implement the triage process.

WHEREAS, properties with dangerous buildings or structures present grave health, safety, and welfare concerns, and have a tremendous negative impact upon the quality of life, safety, and health of the neighborhoods where they are located; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City will be served by addressing the public nuisance of dangerous buildings and structures; and

WHEREAS, the presence of dangerous buildings ~~assist in, many privately-owned,~~ contribute to the decline of neighborhoods, creating a public nuisance and contributing to lower property values; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that various remedies are required to abate dangerous buildings, including the concept of urban acupuncture, ~~(neighborhood development through small interventions in a localized and targeted, community-based approach, should be implemented), rehabilitation, deconstruction, and demolition respectively;~~ and

WHEREAS, deconstruction, ~~rather than demolition,~~ leads to the employment of neighborhood residents as well as the and is an environmentally friendly redirection of materials going into landfills and rehabilitation supports small businesses, both as a supplement to the City's demolition activities; and

WHEREAS, the City has appropriated funds in the budget to address the removal of blight; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Council affirms its commitment to implement abating dangerous building as quickly as possible and using various tools at the City's disposal, including implementing the concept of urban acupuncture, the small and community inspired interventions in urban design, and the preservation of neighborhoods and directs the City Manager to implement the triage process by:

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- Working collaboratively with neighborhoods, preservationists and other interested parties in identifying and prioritizing properties for rehabilitation, deconstruction and demolition;
  - Prioritizing the rehabilitation of property utilizing the receivership process, the Abandoned Housing Act through Legal Aid or other solutions; ~~and~~  
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  - Implementing deconstruction ~~rather than demolition, in targeted neighborhoods on properties~~ if materials are salvageable;
  - Implementing demolitions on properties where either rehabilitation or deconstruction are not economically feasible and practical, and that threaten and are a detriment to the life, health, property, safety, or welfare of the public, or its occupants are endangered; and
  - Providing to the committee a staff report of the triage process within 60 days.
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