

6016 REDSTONE



**BUILDING AND STANDARDS BOARD AGENDA ITEM # 5 FOR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS**

**MEMORANDUM
September 16, 2008**

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Board Members

THROUGH: Larry Nichols, C.B.O. – The Director for Building Permits and Inspections

FROM: Bill Stern, C.B.O., Chief Building Inspector

SUBJECT: 6016 Redstone Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924

The following is a brief chronology of the investigation of the referenced location:

- 1) First investigated August 18, 2008. This single family dwelling was built in 1962 and was found open and abandoned, and in an advanced state of disrepair. The ceilings have collapsed due to leaks and lack of maintenance. Mold has developed on floors, walls, ceilings and furniture throughout the dwelling, due to moisture accumulation from roof leaks.
- 2) A certified condemnation letter was mailed to Michael E. Jones, 11049 Essex Fall Lane, El Paso, Texas 79934-3114 and 6016 Redstone Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924-4901.
- 3) Certified notices of the public hearing scheduled for September 24, 2008, were mailed to the owners and all interested parties on September 11, 2008.
- 4) There has been no response from the owner.
- 5) As of September 5, 2008, no taxes are owed.

The owner and the representative have been notified of the property maintenance violations at this property, to date there has been no corrective action taken, therefore the Department recommends that it be found:

- 1) That the structure be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
- 2) That the structure is not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
- 3) That the structure's certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
- 4) That the structure can be rehabilitated; and
- 5) That the structure be secured and maintained secure within 30 days; and
- 6) That the premises be cleaned and maintained clean of all weeds, trash, and debris within 30 days; and
- 7) That upon failure by the owner or any other interested party to comply with the order of the Building and Standards Commission the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, and place a lien on the property for the work which will be done by the City.

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MAYOR



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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

August 19, 2008

Michael E Jones
6016 Redstone Ln
El Paso, Texas 79924-4902

Re: 6016 Redstone Ln
Blk: 13 Dale Bellamah
Lot: 13 & W 8 Ft of 14
Zoned: R4
COD08-20232
Certified Mail Receipt #
7007 3020 0001 2772 7719

To All Owners, Lienholders, and Mortgagees:

An inspection at the above referenced address has revealed that the structure is in violation of the El Paso Municipal Code, Chapter 18.50 International Property Maintenance Code, which states:

18.50.106.1 General.

When a structure or equipment is found by the Director to be unsafe, or when a structure is found unfit for human occupancy, or is found unlawful, such structure or equipment shall be condemned pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2.38 of this code.

The El Paso Municipal Code Chapter 18.50 International Property Maintenance Code defines unsafe structure as follows:

18.50.106.1.1 Unsafe Structures.

An unsafe structure is one that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property or safety of the public or the occupants of the structure by not providing minimum safeguards to protect or warn occupants in the event of fire, or because such structure contains unsafe equipment or is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible.

18.50.106.1.2 Unsafe Equipment

Unsafe equipment includes any boiler, heating equipment, elevator, moving stairway, electrical wiring or device, flammable liquid containers, or other equipment on the premises or within the structure that is in such disrepair or

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condition that such equipment is a hazard to life, health, property or safety of the public or occupants of the premises or structure.

18.50.106.1.3 Structure Unfit for Human Occupancy.

A structure is unfit for human occupancy whenever the Director finds that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth or contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment required by this code, or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or to the public

The structure located at **6016 Redstone Ln** has the following violations:

- a. The floors have not been maintained in a safe manner. [Sec. 305.4]
- b. The walls have not been maintained in a safe manner free of holes and cracks. [Sec. 304.6]
- c. The roof structure has not been maintained free of defects that may cause leaks. [Sec. 304.7]
- d. The plumbing system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 504.1]
- e. The electrical system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 604.3]
- f. The HVAC system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 603.1]
- g. The structure is open and accessible to unauthorized entry. [Sec. 301.3]
- h. The premises are full of weeds, trash, and debris [Sec. 302.1 & Sec. 302.4].
- i. The structure needs to be secured from unwanted entry and ongoing vandalism, and the premises need to be cleaned of all trash and debris within (30) days from receipt of this letter. [Sec. 108.2]

As a result of the aforementioned violations, the following action may be taken:

- a. This case is being submitted to the City Building and Standards Commission for unsafe structures proceedings. The City Building and Standards Commission will decide if the structure is unsafe and if it should be vacated and secured, or demolished as per Chapter 2.38 of the El Paso Municipal Code.

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- b. By authority of Chapter 18.02.103.9.3 of the El Paso Municipal Code the electrical service at this property may be disconnected at the request of the Building Permits and Inspections Department because of Electrical Code violations.

Many of these corrections will require a permit. Permits for commercial or rental property must be taken out by a bonded and insured contractor who is registered with the City of El Paso.

According to the real property records of El Paso County, you own the real property described in this notice. If you no longer own the property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the property from you. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Housing Compliance Office of the Building Permits and Inspections, 5th floor, City Hall, no later than the 20th day after the date you receive this notice. If you do not send the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own the property described in this notice, even if you do not.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 541-4800.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS:

Robert Gonzalez
Building Inspector

RG/nms

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

To All Interested Parties:

You are hereby notified that at 5:30 p.m. on the **24th** day of **September, 2008** in the Council Chambers of City Hall, #2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas, the Building and Standards Commission of El Paso (the "**Commission**") will hold a public hearing on the question of whether the building located on the property at **6016 Redstone Lane**, in El Paso, Texas, which property is more particularly described as:

Legal Description: Lot 13 and the West 8 feet of Lot 14, Block 13, DALE BELLAMAH, UNIT 2, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the map thereof of file in Book 17, Page 49, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas.

is unsafe and dangerous, because of the following violations:

- a. The floors have not been maintained in a safe manner. [Sec. 305.4]
- b. The walls have not been maintained in a safe manner free of holes and cracks. [Sec. 304.6]
- c. The roof structure has not been maintained free of defects that may cause leaks. [Sec. 304.7]
- d. The plumbing system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 504.1]
- e. The electrical system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 604.3]
- f. The HVAC system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 603.1]
- g. The structure is open and accessible to unauthorized entry [Sec. 301.3].
- g. The premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition free of weeds, trash, and debris [Sec. 302.1 & Sec. 302.4].
- i. The structure needs to be secured from unwanted entry and ongoing vandalism, and the premises need to be cleaned of trash and debris within (30) days from receipt of this letter. [Sec. 108.2].

According to the real property records of the County of El Paso, Michael E. Jones, 11049 Essex Fall Lane, El Paso, Texas 79934-3114 and 6016 Redstone Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924-4901, Homeside Lending, Inc., 7301 Baymeadows Way, Jacksonville, Florida, 32256 and the County Clerk of El Paso County, 104 City County Building, El Paso, Texas 79901 (lienholder) are listed as the owners of the real property described herein.

According to the real property records of El Paso County, you own or have an interest in the real property described in this notice. If you no longer own or have an interest in the property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own or have an interest in the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the property or interest from you. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Building Standards Enforcement Division of the Building Permits and Inspections, 5th floor, City Hall, no later than the 20th day after the date you receive this notice. If you do not send the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own the property described in this notice.

The Owners of said property are hereby ordered to appear before the Building and Standards Commission and any mortgagees, lien holders, and other persons having an interest in said property are entitled to appear before the Commission at said date, hour, and place to show cause why said building should not be declared a nuisance and ordered to be abated. The Owners, lien holders, mortgagees, or any other person having an interest in the property are hereby required to submit at the hearing proof of the scope of any work that may be required to bring the building into compliance with Title 18, as mandated by Section 18.50 of the Municipal Code, and to specify the time it will take to reasonably perform the work.

At the hearing, the Owners, lien holders, mortgagees, or any other person having an interest in the property must present to the Commission any evidence showing that the structure or part thereof is safe.

All documents such as building plans, specifications, drawings, reports from design professionals and any other required documents must be presented to the Commission at this hearing.

The time periods, which govern the completion of work ordered by the commission, are outlined in Chapter 2, Subsection 2.38.080 of the Municipal Code of the City of El Paso, and pursuant to State law.

If the Owners fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the order of the Commission the City may pursue one, or more of the following actions:

- I) the city will perform any and all work needed to bring the property into compliance with this order, at its own expense, but for and on account of the Owners, of said property, the cost of which shall be assessed as a lien against the property and;
- II) assess a civil penalty against the property Owners for failure to repair, remove or demolish said building in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 a day for each violation, or \$10.00 a day if the Owners show that the property is the Owner's lawful homestead; and
- III) appoint a receiver as permitted by state law; and
- IV) any other remedies permitted by state law.

Any civil penalty or assessment imposed will accrue interest at a rate of ten (10) percent a year from the date of the assessment until paid in full;

The City Clerk is ordered to provide notice of this hearing to the record Owners and all other persons having an interest in the property as provided by law.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Mark Shoesmith
Assistant City Attorney

Bill Stern, C.B.O.
Chief Building Inspector
Building Permits and Inspection Department

I, RICHARDA DUFFY MOMSEN, City Clerk of the City of El Paso, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property located at 6016 Redstone Lane was PUBLISHED in the official City newspaper on the ____day of _____, 2008.

Richarda Duffy Momsen

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 6016 Redstone Lane was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Michael E. Jones
11049 Essex Fall
El Paso, Texas 79934-3114

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 6016 Redstone Lane was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Michael E. Jones
6016 Redstone Lane
El Paso, Texas 79924-4901

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 6016 Redstone Lane was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Homeside Landing, Inc.
7301 Baymeadows Way
Jacksonville, Florida 32256

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 6016 Redstone Lane was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

County Clerk of El Paso County,
104 City County Building
El Paso, Texas 79901 (lienholder)

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 6016 Redstone Lane was HAND-DELIVERED to:

City of El Paso
C/O City Clerk
#2 Civic Center Plaza
El Paso, TX 79901

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 6016 Redstone Lane was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Governor of the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Indian Tribe
AKA Tigua Indian Community
119 S. Old Pueblo Road
El Paso, Texas 79907

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at

6016 Redstone Lane was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

El Paso Central Appraisal District
5801 Trowbridge Ave.
El Paso, Texas 79925

Date:

Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 6016 Redstone Lane was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

El Paso County Probate Court
500 E. San Antonio Avenue, Suite 703
El Paso, Texas 79901

Date:

Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 6016 Redstone Lane was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Delgado, Acosta, Spencer
Linebarger, Heard & Perez, LLP
Attn: Bonnie Cooper
221 N. Kansas Suite 1400
El Paso, TX 79901

Date:

Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice was POSTED at
6016 Redstone Lane, El Paso, Texas.

Date:
Time:

Inspector



UNSAFE STRUCTURES REPORT

BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

DATE OF EXAMINATION: September 15, 2008 **REP. DISTRICT:** 4

ADDRESS: 6016 Redstone Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924 **ZONED:** R-4

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 13 and the West 8 feet of Lot 14, Block 13, DALE BELLAMAH, UNIT 2, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the map thereof of file in Book 17, Page 49, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas.

OWNER: Michael E. Jones, 11049 Essex Fall Lane, El Paso, Texas 79934-3114 and 6016 Redstone Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924-4901

ADDRESS: 6016 Redstone Lane

BUILDING USE: Abandoned single family dwelling

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: Type V

FOOTINGS: Concrete footing

CONDITION: Unable to determine condition of footing due to subterranean placement. A structural engineer should be hired to evaluate condition.

FOUNDATION WALL: None

CONDITION: N/A

FLOOR STRUCTURE: Concrete slab on grade

CONDITION: Poor to fair. A structural engineer will need to be hired to evaluate the conditions of the floor system and submit a report to this department on all corrective actions required to bring the floor system up to minimum code.

EXTERIOR WALLS: Wood framed, stucco and brick veneer.

HEIGHT: 10' +/-

THICKNESS: 8" +/-

CONDITION: Poor, due to lack of maintenance and exposure to the elements. A structural engineer will need to be hired to evaluate the entire framing system components for structural stability and submit a report to this department on all corrective actions required to bring this system into minimum code compliance.

INTERIOR WALLS & CEILINGS: Wood frame with sheet rock.

CONDITION: Poor. A structural engineer should be hired to evaluate structural elements and submit a report on the corrective actions required to bring this system into minimum code compliance.

ROOF STRUCTURE: Slight gable roof, almost flat, wood framing with rolled roofing and gravel rock.

CONDITION: Poor, roofing material detaching and deteriorating. A registered roofing contractor building contractor must be hired to evaluate the roofing system and submit a report of required corrective actions required to bring the roofing system into code compliance.

DOORS, WINDOWS, ETC.: Wood framed doors and aluminum framed windows. **CONDITION:** Poor. Doors will need to be replaced and windows with inoperable and accessible entry.

MEANS OF EGRESS: Does meet code.

CONDITION: Good.

PLUMBING: A licensed plumbing contractor must be hired to evaluate the entire plumbing system and submit a report to this department on the corrective action required to bring the system up to minimum code compliance.

CONDITION: unknown.

ELECTRICAL: A licensed electrical contractor must be hired to evaluate the entire electrical system and submit a report to this department on the corrective action required to bring the system up to minimum code compliance.

CONDITION: unknown.

MECHANICAL: A licensed mechanical contractor must be hired to evaluate the entire mechanical system and submit a report to this department on the corrective action required to bring the system up to minimum code compliance.

CONDITION: Poor.

IF CONDEMNED, HOW MANY PERSONS WILL BE AFFECTED: TWO

WARNING POSTED: Yes, 9-12-08. **BARRICADED:** No **POLICE AID REQD.:** No

REMARKS: This single family dwelling built in 1962 was found open and abandoned and in an advanced state of disrepair. his department recommends that the structure be secured within thirty (30) days, until the structure is rehabilitated and the premises be cleaned and maintained clean of all weeds, trash and debris.

Robert Gonzalez

Building Inspector