

577 GALLAGHER STREET



BUILDING AND STANDARDS BOARD AGENDA ITEM # 8 FOR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010

CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

October 14, 2010

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Board Members

THROUGH: Kurt Fenstermacher, Deputy Director, Code Compliance Division

FROM: Bill Stern., Deputy Building Official

SUBJECT: 577 Gallagher Street, El Paso, Texas 79915

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

- 1) First investigated on March 8, 2010. This single level single family dwelling was built in 1950. The structure was found open, abandoned, and in an advanced state of disrepair being used as harborage by vagrants. Interior adobe walls are on the verge of collapse due to water damage, faulty roof structure and neglect. Unsuccessful attempts to stabilize exterior walls by means of rock retaining pillars have failed as wall separation has occurred. Drug paraphernalia has been found inside the structure. Trash, weeds and debris is found throughout the property.
- 2) A certified condemnation letter was mailed to Blas and Carmen Nevarez, 577 Gallagher Street on March 10, 2010.
- 3) Certified notices of the public hearing scheduled for October 27, 2010, were mailed to the owners and all interested parties on October 14, 2010.
- 4) As of October 14. \$12,889.82 is owed in taxes.

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

- 1) That the structure is 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 certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
- 4) That the structure cannot be rehabilitated; and
- 5) That the structure be demolished within thirty (30) days; and
- 6) That the premises be cleaned and maintained clean of all weeds, trash, and debris within thirty (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.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

March 9, 2010

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Carmen Nevarez
% Alicia Garcia
969 Pineloch #1109
Webster, Texas 77598

Re: 577 Gallagher St
Blk: 1 Linda Vista Gardens
Lot: 4 Exc NE 50 ft x 125 ft (12865 sq. ft.)
Case Number: BSC10-00124
Mail Receipt #
7009 1410 0001 7186 8775

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, 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 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 **577 Gallagher St, El Paso, Texas 79915** is in violation of the requirements found in the following sections of the 2003 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted in the El Paso City Code, Chapter 18.50, Property Maintenance Code:

- 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 means of egress is/are inadequate and do not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 702.4]
- e. The plumbing system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 504.1]
- f. The electrical system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 604.3]
- g. The HVAC system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 603.1]
- h. The structure is open and accessible to unauthorized entry. [Sec. 301.3]
- i. The premises are full of weeds, trash, and debris [Sec. 302.1 & Sec. 302.4].
- j. 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]
- k. The repairs to the structural elements and/or service systems referred to in the previous sections must be completed within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. If, due to the scope and complexity of the work more time is needed, you must make this request to the Building and Standards Commission at a hearing scheduled by this department.

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.
- 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.

Zuleika Davila
Building Inspector

ZD/rg

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To All Interested Parties:

You are hereby notified that at 5:30 p.m. on the 27th day of **October, 2010** 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 **577 Gallagher Street**, in El Paso, Texas, which property is more particularly described as:

Legal Description: Lot 4, Block 1, of the LINDA GARDENS, according to plat thereof, filed for record in the Deed Records of El Paso County, Texas, in Book 505, Page 641, Back, said property being situated in 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 means of egress is/are inadequate and do not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 702.4]
- e. The plumbing system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 504.1]
- f. The electrical system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 604.3]
- g. The HVAC system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements. [Sec. 603.1]
- h. The structure is open and accessible to unauthorized entry. [Sec. 301.3]
- i. The premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition free of weeds, trash, and debris [Sec. 302.1 & Sec. 302.4].
- j. 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, Texas, Blas Nevarez and Carmen Nevarez, 577 Gallagher Street, El Paso, Texas, 79915, ("the **Owners**") 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 Environmental Services Department, 7969 San Paulo Drive, El Paso, Texas, 79907, 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 shows 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:

Cynthia Osborn
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Bill Stern, C.B.O.
Deputy Building Official
Code Compliance Division

I, RICHARDA DUFFY MOMSEN, City Clerk of the City of El Paso, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Public Hearing regarding the property located at 577 Gallagher Street was filed with the County Clerk's Office, the official public records of real property for El Paso County.

Richarda Duffy Momsen

Executed this ____ day of _____, 2010 on behalf of the City of El Paso, Texas, by Richarda Duffy Momsen in her capacity as City Clerk.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF EL PASO

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Notary Public

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 577 Gallagher Street was PUBLISHED in the official City newspaper on the ____ day of _____, 2010.

Richarda Duffy Momsen

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Blas and Carmen Nevarez
577 Gallagher
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Carmen Nevarez
% Alicia Garcia
969 Pineloch #1109
Webster, Texas 77598

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Alicia Nevarez
696 Pineloch #1109
Webster, Texas 77598

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Alicia Nevarez
969 Pineloch #1109
Webster, Texas 77598

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Tomasa Nevarez
2306 A Street
Garden City, KS 67846

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Blas Nevarez Jr.
P. O. Box 164
South Dos Palos, CA 93665

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Carmen Irene Perez
221 N. Kansas St. #1400
El Paso, Texas 79901

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Felix Nevarez
577 Gallagher St.
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Ascension Nevarez
577 Gallagher St.
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Ascension Nevarez Jr.
577 Gallagher St.
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Luis Nevarez
577 Gallagher St.
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Ricardo Nevarez
577 Gallagher St.
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Esther Nevarez
577 Gallagher
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Cruz Nevarez
577 Gallagher St.
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Armando Nevarez
577 Gallagher St.
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Ruben Nevarez
577 Gallagher St.
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Manuel Nevarez
577 Gallagher St.
El Paso, Texas 79915

Date:
Time:

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 577 Gallagher Street 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 577 Gallagher Street 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 577 Gallagher Street 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 577 Gallagher Street 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 577 Gallagher Street 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 577 Gallagher Street El Paso, Texas.

Date:
Time:

Inspector



UNSAFE STRUCTURES REPORT

BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

DATE OF EXAMINATION: October 11, 2010

REP. DISTRICT: 6

ADDRESS: 577 Gallagher Street

ZONED: R-3

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 4, Block 1, of the LINDA GARDENS, according to plat thereof, filed for record in the Deed Records of El Paso County, Texas in Book 505, Page 641, Back, said property being situated in El Paso County, Texas

OWNER: Blas and Carmen Nevarez

ADDRESS: 577 Gallagher Street
El Paso, Texas 79915

BUILDING USE: Abandoned single family dwelling

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: III

FOOTINGS: Concrete

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

FOUNDATION WALL: Concrete

CONDITION: Poor. Notable cracks and crumbling found in several areas and non-existent at others. A structural engineer should be hired to evaluate the actual condition.

FLOOR STRUCTURE: Concrete.

CONDITION: Unable to determine. A structural engineer or registered contractor must be hired to evaluate the flooring system.

EXTERIOR WALLS: C.M.U./adobe

HEIGHT: 10' +/-

THICKNESS: 10" - 12"

CONDITION: Poor. Cracks on adobe walls. Portions of adobe walls plaster coating has deteriorated exposing them to the elements. Mortar joints on walls show deterioration which compromise to their structural integrity.

INTERIOR WALLS & CEILINGS: Adobe.

CONDITION: Poor. Interior walls and ceilings have been damaged due to water leakage from a faulty roof structure and lack of maintenance.

ROOF STRUCTURE: Fault roof, wood frame with rolled composition covering.

CONDITION: Poor. A registered roofing contractor or building contractor must be hired to evaluate the roofing system and submit a report of required corrections to bring the roof system into code compliance.

DOORS, WINDOWS, ETC.: Wood frame doors and windows and wrought iron guards.

CONDITION: Poor. Windows and doors must be replaced to make them operational.

MEANS OF EGRESS: Does not meet code requirements.

CONDITION: Poor. Doors and windows must be replaced to make them operational.

PLUMBING: Inadequate or none existent. A licensed plumber should be hired to bring system up to code.

ELECTRICAL: Inadequate. A licensed electrician should be hired to bring system up to code.

MECHANICAL: Inadequate or none existent A licensed mechanical contractor should be hired to bring system up to code.

IF CONDEMNED, HOW MANY PERSONS WILL BE AFFECTED: None

WARNING POSTED: Yes

BARRICADED: No

POLICE AID REQD.: No

REMARKS: This open and abandoned single family dwelling was built in 1950. This structure has been found in an advanced state of disrepair and being used as harborage by unwanted persons. Some adobe walls pose a danger to health and safety as they may collapse due to water damage and neglect. Therefore, the department recommends this structure be demolished within thirty (30) days and the property be cleaned of all weeds, trash and debris within thirty (30) days.

Zully Davila

Building Inspector

Property Tax Balance

Begin a New Search Go to Your Portfolio
Tax Office Home Page

Make your check or money order payable to:
EL PASO TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
PO BOX 2992
EL PASO, TEXAS 79969-2992

* A Convenience Fee for the use of a credit card will be added to your total due at checkout.
No convenience fee will be added if paying via electronic check. A return item fee of \$28 will apply to any returned check.

Unless otherwise noted, all data refers to tax information for 2015. All amounts due include penalty, interest, and attorney fees when applicable.

Account Number: L36299900100700	Pending Credit Card or E-Check Payments: No Credit Card Payment Pending
PROP ID NO.: 37431	
Address: NEVAREZ CARMEN % GARCIA ALICIA 969 PINBLOCH #1205 WEBSTER, TX 77598	 
Property Site Address: 577 GALLAGHER	Market Value: \$35,441
Legal Description: LINDA VISTA GARDENS 4 EXC NE 56 FT X 128 FT (32895 SQ FT)	Land Value: \$14,280 Improvement Value: \$45,161
Current Tax Levy: \$1,567.21	Capped Value: \$0
Current Amount Due: \$1,567.21	Agricultural Value: \$0
Prior Year Amount Due: \$11,322.61	Exemptions: None
Total Amount Due: \$12,889.82	Exemptions and Tax Rate Information:
Last Payment Amount: \$1,980.00	Taxes Due Detail by Year and Jurisdiction:
Last Payer: NEVAREZ, PABLO O.	