

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION 19-21

Finding and declaration of blight, proposal of project area, and approval of property acquisition pending City Council Actions.

WHEREAS, Racine County obtained legal title to the property located at 1500 North Memorial Drive (the “Property”) upon tax foreclosure of a tax lien under s. 75.521, Wis. Stat. and transferred that title to the City of Racine; and

WHEREAS, the RDA has inspected the Property and found it vacant, dilapidated, bearing asbestos and containers of chemical waste, lacking an operable fire suppression system, exposed to the elements as the result of a partially collapsed roof; and

WHEREAS, the RDA finds the Property presents conditions which endanger life or property by fire, environmental hazards, and other causes, all of which combined are conducive to ill health and crime and are detrimental to the public health, safety, morals or welfare; and

WHEREAS, the RDA finds the Property, in its present condition and use, constitutes an economic and social liability and is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Redevelopment Authority finds and declares the Property, in its current state, to be blighted and in need of blight elimination;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Redevelopment Authority designates the boundaries of the Property as a redevelopment project area in need of blight elimination;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to seek the City Council’s resolution declaring the Property to be a blighted area in need of blight elimination, approving the RDA’s acquisition of the Property from the City for a nominal sum, and approving the RDA to undertake demolition of any structures within the approved project area following acquisition by the RDA.

Fiscal Note: *The RDA will expend funds to continue the removal of abandoned containers, but funds to demolish the structures, investigate the environmental condition of the property, and perform environmental cleanup are expected to be paid by federal and state grants, subject to matching fund requirements.*

Adopted on: July 18, 2019 Seal

By a Vote of
 For: 0
 Against: 0
 Abstain: 0

Attest:

Amy Connolly, AICP
Executive Director/Director of City Development