



Community Development
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Public Nuisance Process

Declared to be a public nuisance. If the house icon is **red** it means that the building was declared a public nuisance. The city has inspected the building(s) and found enough wrong with it to be unsafe to live or work in. The building could be a commercial structure, a house, garage or shed. The things wrong could include structural damage (like roof damage, foundation collapse or general disrepair), problems with the electrical, plumbing and/or mechanical systems. The building must be repaired or taken down.

The owners of the property will get a notice telling them to repair the building. If they do not the city will proceed with the nuisance action.

At any time in the process the owner or a new owner can ask the city for an agreement for time to complete repairs.

Council approved for legal action. If the house icon is **dark blue** city council has voted to file a law suit against the owners. The city legal department will file an action in court to get an order to tell the owners to repair or remove the structure.

Court Ordered Action. If the house icon is **light blue** the court has entered an order directing the owner to repair or remove the building. In some cases, the order may grant time for a renovation to occur. The court order gives the city the right to demolish the building should the owner fail to do anything.

Ready for Demolition. If the house icon is **green** it means the owner has failed to do anything and the city is ready to ask a contractor to take the house down.

Demolition Compete. If the house icon is **dark green** the city has completed the demolition.

Rehab agreement. If the house icon is **orange** the city and owner(s) have entered into a rehabilitation agreement. The owner(s) must show that they have the money to complete the repairs within a reasonable time. If the owner(s) do not complete the agreed upon work, the city can either get a court order to take down the building or remove the building in case of an existing court order.

Note: The City does not take ownership of the land in the public nuisance action.