



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

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RE: 2026 Proposed Demolitions List

There are 10 residential homes in the Borough that are designated as abandoned and in such a state of disrepair that it would not be cost effective to rehab and make livable again. Most are tax delinquent. All are potential hazards to the community and are detrimental to neighboring property values. One of these properties is fire-damaged and demolition is the only option. One is a house that has changed ownership 3 times in the last year, but it is missing most of its roof and is full of mold. This list does not comprise ALL abandoned properties in the Borough. These are just the priority demolitions at the current time. Unfortunately, I estimate that an additional 21 houses in West Tarentum and 6 houses in East Tarentum will remain abandoned in the coming year. We will have to re-consider their statuses if our efforts to find new responsible buyers are not successful. Here is the list in order of priority:

1. 913 Porter St. (East Tarentum)-Fire destroyed
2. 915 Porter St. (East Tarentum)
3. 917 Porter St. (East Tarentum)
4. 708 Pearl St. (East Tarentum)
5. 119 W 8th Ave. (Rear House) (West Tarentum)
6. 714 Western St. (West Tarentum)
7. 592 E. 7th Ave (East Tarentum) – Still has ownership-We may pass the cost on to them.
8. 144 Davidson St. (Front House) (West Tarentum)
9. 144 Davidson St. (Rear House) (West Tarentum)
10. 105 Britton Way (West Tarentum)

I estimate that if we undertake all ten of these demolitions, it will cost upwards of \$175,000. All will require asbestos surveys and abatement prior to demolition. There is a possibility that the Borough may have to take on some or all of the cost of demolition of the Corbet St duplex, which is the site of the recent fatal house fire. It is our understanding that the property owner had some insurance.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of these significant matters.

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