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**ELECTRONIC AGENDA PACKET FOR THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021
7:30 PM**

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**PUBLIC MEETING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021
7:00 P.M**

Location:

Livonia City Hall
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI 48154

Members:

Kathleen E. McIntyre, Chairman
City Councilmembers

AGENDA:

- 1. CR 154-21** Subject matter of residential blight.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND:

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan
City Attorney, Paul Bernier
Planning and Economic Development Director, Mark Taormina
Director of Inspection, Jerome Hanna

THE FOLLOWING HAVE ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO ATTEND:

Wayne County Commissioner, District 9, Terry Marecki
Wayne County Commissioner, District 8, David Knezek, Jr.

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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LETTER TO THE LIVONIA CITY COUNCIL

1.

Council Office
May 27, 2021

MEETING DATE

June 16, 2021

PREPARED BY

Sara Kasprowicz, Council Office Manager,

AGENDA ITEM

CR 154-21 Subject matter of residential blight.

BACKGROUND

To discuss the subject matter of residential blight as requested by Council Member Rob Donovic at the City Council Regular Meeting of May 24, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

As Council decides.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. CofW061621 Resident concern of blight
2. R052421 Subject matter of residential blight CR 154-21

APPROVED BY

Regular Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021

On a motion by Donovic, supported by Bahr, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#154-21 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Rob Donovic, seconded by Vice President Scott Bahr, at the Regular Meeting held May 24, 2021, that the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of residential blight to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation.

<i>AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION ITEM (Regular Meeting of May 24, 2021)</i>
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Motion by:	Donovic
Seconded by:	Bahr
ROLL CALL:	
Ayes:	Toy, Bahr, White, McCullough, Donovic, McIntyre
Nays:	None
Absent:	Jolly

From: [Varga, Dave](#)
To: ljubach@aol.com
Cc: [CouncilMembers](#); [Mayor Staff](#); [Kasprowicz, Sara](#); [Hanna, Jerome](#)
Subject: FW: Blight issues
Date: Friday, May 28, 2021 3:14:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good afternoon, Lori,

I forwarded your comments to our Director of Inspection who indicates that this is the busiest time of the year for the contractor to catch up with overgrown lawns. Additionally, the first cuts of the year are often rough due to the volume of new growth and all the properties in violation that need cutting at the same time. However, the large clumps of grass and sidewalks should be cleared and the contractor will be reminded of this. Edging and trimming are not part of the contract. The property is on the list for a second cut.

As for the cost, a resident is charged \$108, of which about 30% goes to the contractor and the rest is an administrative fee. The high cost is meant to discourage residents from using the City as a landscape company and encourage them to hire their own.

I hope this information helps.

Dave

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From: ljubach@aol.com <ljubach@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Varga, Dave <dvarga@livonia.gov>
Cc: McIntyre, Kathleen <kmcintyre@livonia.gov>; Mayor Staff <MayorStaff@Livonia.gov>
Subject: Re: Blight issues

Dave,
Have you seen the way the company cutting is leaving the sidewalk and not edging or trimming anywhere at 14511 Park St? It is a complete mess and the weeds and grass are 18 inches tall again. Something

needs to be done. These guys need to do a proper job, they are charging \$125.00 a mow.



Warm Regards & Stay Healthy!

Lori DuBach



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In a message dated 5/20/2021 10:25:59 AM Eastern Standard Time, ljdubach@aol.com writes:

David,
Thank you very much for your time. I pray this can be corrected to insure all of us neighbors are happy with the out come. This is completely out of control living next to both of these homes.

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In a message dated 5/19/2021 4:04:29 PM Eastern Standard Time, dvarga@livonia.gov writes:

Ms. DuBach,

Thank you for sharing this concern with us. You are certainly in a difficult situation with both of your neighbors.

On behalf of Mayor Brosnan and the Administration, I want to let to you know that we are looking into the details of the enforcement on these two houses to see if anything else can be done to alleviate this situation sooner. Unfortunately, these circumstances often take time to sort out based on providing notification within our ordinances and that can be frustrating.

I will be back in touch with you once we have more details.

All the best,

Dave



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From: ljidubach@aol.com <ljidubach@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 2:11 PM

To: McIntyre, Kathleen <kmcintyre@livonia.gov>

Cc: Varga, Dave <dvarga@livonia.gov>

Subject: Blight issues

Dear Ms McIntyre and Mr Varga,

I am emailing you regarding the 2 properties at 14511 Park St and 14541 Park St. My home is 14525 Park St and I'm in the middle of these 2 homes. Both homes are disgusting and in poor shape. You allow 14541 To have her front lawn 100% trees, brushes and weeds, you can't even see her home from the street. I have wild animals in my yard like crazy due to the mess at 14541. Both homes have been a blight issue for years, well over 5 years. 14511 Continues to get citations because his grass is always 15 inches tall. The owner does not live at 14511 and hasn't for at least 8 years. When you put a citation on his front door it takes you guys at least 2 more weeks to mow the grass. This last time it was taller than 20 inches and that grass just lays on top looks like hay, Limps are always down and on sidewalks which is a hazard.

How long can this be allowed to go on? This is a blight and safety issues. Living next door to both nasty places I will never be able to sell my home. I pray you can fix both of these homes or fine the owners to fix them. Something needs to be done now. Looking forward to a response.

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