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Unfit Structure **Demolition Reimbursement Program**

Intent:

To establish guidelines for the reimbursement of expenses for the demolition and removal of unfit, unsafe and uninhabitable structures within the limits of the City of Beloit which are a nuisance or danger to the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

Scope:

These guidelines shall apply to all structures within the limits of the City of Beloit that are recognized as unfit, unsafe or uninhabitable by City staff and:

1. notice has been served upon the property owner of such property; or
2. prior approval has been granted by the Building Inspector or City Administrator.

Guidelines:

The City recognizes that there are various unfit, unsafe and uninhabitable structures within the limits of the City of Beloit. While property owners are required to maintain these properties in a safe and sanitary manner, the City is aware that demolition and removal of such structures will often place a financial burden on property owners. The Governing Body of the City of Beloit has therefore allocated funds to encourage property owners to demolish and remove said offending structures. Beginning January 2, 2006 the City of Beloit will reimburse property owners for all or part of the cost of demolition. Property owners presenting evidence of the cost of demolition may be reimbursed for actual costs incurred up to \$2500.00 (not to exceed 25% of demo cost). To be eligible for reimbursement by the city property owners shall be subject to the following guidelines:

- a. Hold title or deed to the property in question or have legal authorization from the lawful property owner.

- b. Approval for reimbursement must be pre-approved by the city Building Inspector or City Administrator.
- c. The site of the demolished structure must be made safe by completely removing demolition rubble and debris from the site, filling any basement, excavations, holes or other depressions with clean compactable fill material, and leveling the site to the existing grade.
- d. All debris from the demolished property must be disposed of in a lawful manner.
- e. The sewer line must be plugged with concrete and the water line must be either disconnected at the main or stubbed out to a frost-free spigot above grade for future use.
- f. Reimbursement for the cost of demolition, not to exceed \$2500.00 (not to exceed 25% of total demo cost) will be honored upon verification of compliance with the above conditions and presentation of the bona fide receipt or other legal evidence of the cost of demolition of the approved property.
- g. Reimbursement is not retroactive.