

Fight the Blight

Ordinances 260399, 260400, 260401

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Today's Presentation

- Building on momentum
- Share the policy vision and hear public comment
- Full VLAI presentation coming at an upcoming business session

Policy Goals

Identify – Vacant
Property Registry
(Ord 260401)



Secure – Board up
and mothballing
(Ord 260399)



Maintain – Avoid
demolition by
neglect
(Ord 260400)

Ordinance 260401: Vacant Property Registration

- Expands registration to include unimproved vacant land
- Owners must disclose plans or intent for the property
- Semiannual fee for chronically vacant nuisance properties
- Voluntary consent mechanism for KCPD and unhoused outreach
- City-wide "Registration Sprint" within 120 days

Ordinance 260399: Securing Property

- Applies to buildings vacant 90+ days
- Minimum standards: secured openings, weather-tight envelope, drained utilities, clean exterior
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) marking standards for first responder safety
- Enhanced protections for historic structures
- City may perform work and lien property for cost recovery

Ordinance 260400: Historic Demolition Review

- Current dangerous building declaration exempts structures from Historic Preservation Commission review which can allow building owners to neglect building maintenance
- This ordinance closes that exemption
- HPC review required before demolition of any historic or contributing structure
- Emergency exception preserved with required written findings

Next Steps

- Today: Introduction + public comment
- Next two weeks: Cross-departmental review and collaboration & neighborhood outreach
- Committee substitutes presented for vote by committee in future weeks

Questions?

