



**CHARLOTTE**<sup>SM</sup>

**City Council  
Follow-Up Report**

**March 28, 2014**

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**March 24, 2014 – Business Meeting**

**Agenda Item #55C – In Rem Remedy, 4035 Hovis Street**

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At the March 24 City Council meeting, Mrs. Veronica Hilliard approached the City Council following the conclusion of the meeting. Mrs. Hilliard had intended to speak to the City Council regarding the In Rem action on the property at 4035 Hovis Street.

The house was inspected on August 15, 2013. The tenant attended the hearing on September 18, 2013; the owner did not attend. The original compliance date was November 11, 2013 and staff granted an extension of time until December 10, 2013.

On November 6, 2013, the attorney for the beneficiary identified on the title search asked for an extension to evaluate the property so they could determine what actions they were going to take. Staff issued a supplemental finding of fact and order (an extension of time) at the owners request to allow them time to make the necessary repairs to the structure. On December 10, 2013, Inspector Johnson from the City's Code Enforcement Division spoke with the owner who stated she had not made any repairs. At that time staff began to prepare the case for Council consideration. The case was submitted for administrative review on December 12, 2013. In order to meet all due process requirements, a supplemental finding of fact and order (an extension of time) was issued to the beneficiary as well.

On March 17, 2014, the asbestos inspection was completed. In order to test for asbestos, a sample of the floor covering and wall coverings are taken. The maintenance person was present and Inspector Johnson spoke with Ms. Walker via phone. She stated they were going to start on the property soon and the Inspector advised her staff were proceeding with the In Rem case. She was advised to contact the City Clerk's office to sign up to speak at the Council meeting.

On Tuesday following the meeting, staff made contact with Mrs. Hilliard and scheduled a reinspection of the property. She called later that day to cancel that appointment. The re-inspection is now scheduled for Monday. At this time, Mrs. Hilliard has not pulled any permits for the work to be completed.

After the inspection is complete, Code Enforcement will provide a status update.