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**Re: Demolition of 2070 Dowd Avenue**

Dear Neighbor,

In the last year, Lakewood has taken a new approach to housing enforcement and encouraging all property owners to consistently maintain and improve their properties. Unfortunately, the building located at 2070 Dowd Avenue has been an example of neglect in the Birdtown neighborhood.

This vacant building has been a persistent blight in the neighborhood, calling for intervention. Early this year, the City acquired the property in order to correct the nuisance either through rehabilitation of the building or through demolition. Due to the years of neglect by previous owners and deteriorating structure, the property is beyond reasonable repair.

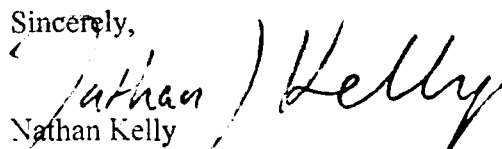
2070 Dowd Avenue will be Demolished on or shortly after December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

When properties are demolished in the city, the land is either sold to neighbors to make larger parcels, or a new home may be constructed that complements the neighborhood and is sold to a new owner occupant.

Elsewhere in the city, our Housing and Building Division will continue to aggressively enforce housing codes to ensure proper maintenance of residential buildings and abating nuisance properties in our community.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Nathan Kelly

Director of Planning and Development