

**Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans  
Squandered Heritage  
National Trust for Historic Preservation**

**Imminent Health Threat Properties  
City Ordinance 22499 M.C.S.**

- I. Issue an immediate moratorium on involuntary demolitions for properties cited as an imminent threat to health, safety and welfare (cited under City Ordinance 22499 M.C.S.).**
  
- II. Coordination of all agencies**
  - a. Increase the staff devoted to inspection and code enforcement.
  - b. Designate a member of the City Attorney's Housing Law Unit to serve as a homeowner advocate and to assist property owners in removing properties from the imminent health threat list and otherwise navigate the process.
  - c. Clearly define what constitutes an imminent threat to health, safety and welfare and based on the criteria developed, update inspections of all properties using qualified teams of structural, environmental and preservation experts.
  - d. Merge all City property databases so that Neighborhood 1/Department of Code Enforcement can check cited properties against building permits, HDLC Certificates of Appropriateness, violations, etc.
  - e. All properties within the jurisdiction of local historic district commissions (VCC, CBD HDLC or NO HDLC) or the Housing Conservation District Review Committee must be vetted through the mandated processes.
  
- III. Protection of owner's property rights**
  - a. Assure a means by which property owners truly receive personal notification of the city's intentions to demolish their property and reasons for this determination.
  - b. Offer property owners easy-to-understand written instructions on what to do if they receive a demolition notification. Allow property owners to designate a representative.
  - c. Create a mechanism for removing properties that do not qualify or where remediation has taken place from the list.
  - d. Make property case files available to property owners upon request.
  - e. Provide property owners with written confirmation that their property has been removed from the demolition list and forward this notification to all relevant departments/agencies.
  - f. A property owner who disputes the demolition of his/her property shall have the right to appeal the decision of the authorizing agency.
  
- IV. Public notice**
  - a. Organize and prioritize inspections by neighborhood.
  - b. Include all citations for properties on the City of New Orleans One New Orleans Community Recovery & Resources Page (through \_\_\_\_\_).
  - c. Create a master list of cited properties in a searchable format.
  - d. Place notice along with information on the process and how to be removed from the list on each property. Post notice of pending demolitions in the public right-of-way.