

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT
***ABATEMENT PLAN FOR 202 WEST STREET AS A BLIGHTED PROPERTY:**
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 2023*

The Town of Smithfield received a written complaint concerning the condition and security of the structure currently located at 202 West Street, Smithfield VA 23430 (TPIN:21A-06-E007).

Town staff sent and advisory notice on July 15th, 2022 and October 18th, 2022 requesting that the owners secure the doors and windows on the structure.

Town staff has determined the property at 202 West Street meets the Smithfield Town Code's definition of blighted, for the following reasons:

1. The property is uninhabited, improved with buildings in excess of 256 square feet, which by reason of dilapidation, absence of electricity, water, and sanitary facilities, is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the community.
2. The property is missing windows, doors, and other features that would normally protect the interior from the elements, and the interior is otherwise too easily accessible.
3. The property has no easily attainable means of securing the interior of the building on the property from trespass.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022, a certified letter was mailed to the owners of record, informing them that their property located at 202 West Street (TPIN:21A-06-E007) was deemed a blighted property by Town staff, and ordered them to submit a Spot Blight Abatement Plan to cure the blight within thirty (30) days, in accordance with Smithfield Town Code (STC) Section 22-2.b.1.

On Friday, December 2nd, 2022, Town Hall received a fax of a handwritten note, stating the Spot Blight Abatement Plan. In accordance with STC Section 22-2.b.2 the Plan is provided for your review and decision on the Plan's adequacy to cure the blight.

On Wednesday December 7th, 2022, a certified letter was mailed to the owners of record informing them the Plan to cure the blight must be completed prior to January 3rd, 2023.

For your convenience, copies of the certified letters, a copy of the Smithfield Town Code Section 22-2, and the original abatement plan are included with this staff report.

For inquiries, contact Tammie Clary at 1-(757)-365-4200 or tclary@smithfieldva.gov.