



February 3, 2015

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RE: CHRONIC NUISANCE PROPERTY – 14814 Greenwood Avenue North

On August 13, 2014, pursuant to Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC) 9.30, the City of Shoreline determined that your property located at 14814 Greenwood Avenue North is a chronic nuisance property. This determination is final given your failure to appeal.¹

Pursuant to SMC 9.30.050(A)(7), as the property owner of record you are responsible for assisting in the abatement of the nuisance property. The City has received no assistance from you in this regard. While a nominal effort was made for voluntary compliance, the property remains a chronic nuisance and any attempt at voluntary compliance has been futile. Since August 13, 2014, representatives of the City have viewed the property on several occasions with no noticeable change in the property's condition. Excessive refuse, inoperable vehicles, maintenance conditions, and other health and safety issues continue to exist and, in fact, has become worse over the past few months. In addition, the police have responded to calls 15 times over the past four months. This property remains a chronic nuisance property and it is evident that you have no intent in assisting with the elimination of the nuisance conditions.


The City of Shoreline will not allow this overt violation of its laws to continue. Your property is adversely impacting the surrounding neighborhood and despite the months you and your tenant have had to remedy the situation, the nuisance remains. Therefore, **the City mandates that this property be brought into compliance with the Shoreline Municipal Code, as set forth in the May 12,**

¹ See SMC 9.30.050(A)(8) and the August 13 Notice of Determination.

2014 Notice of Violation and Order to Correct no later than February 27, 2015. If the property is not brought into compliance by this date, the City will institute legal action to abate the chronic nuisance with the costs of abatement assessed against you, as the property owner of record, along with any relocation assistance costs required by law, civil penalties, and associated attorney's fees and costs. In addition, the City may seek a court order securing the property against unauthorized access, use, and occupancy for a period of up to one year as authorized by SMC 9.30.080.

Sincerely,

CITY OF SHORELINE



Julie K. Ainsworth-Taylor
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