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J. William Reynolds
President
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10 East Church Street
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RE: Article 149 – Blighted Property Review Committee

Dear President Reynolds:

The Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC), of the City of Bethlehem, met on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 to review and consider for certification multiple properties as recommended to the BPRC by Michael Palos, the City's Chief Housing Inspector.

During the General Discussion portion of this meeting, the BPRC became aware of details in Article 149 – Blighted Property Review Committee, which are currently inaccurate as stated in the article. As a result, the BPRC is requesting that City Council consider amending Article 149 to correct the following items:

1. **Section 149.06 – Procedural Requirements. Paragraph (b) Hearing. Item (1)** - The phrase "Vacant Property Review Committee" in this item should be changed to read "Blighted Property Review Committee". As a result, this section should be modified to read as follows:

"(1) The owner or his agent have the right to a full hearing before the Blighted Property Review Committee."

2. **Section 149.06 – Procedural Requirements. Paragraph (c) Appeals. Item (1)** – The phrase "Vacant Property Review Committee" in this item should be changed to read "Blighted Property Review Committee". As a result, this item should be modified to read as follows:

"(1) The owner or his agent have the right of appeal from the determination of the Blighted Property Review Committee to the Court of Common Pleas."

Please note, committee member, and Director of the Department of Community & Economic Development, Alicia Karner is also in the process of reviewing this Article 149. As a result, Council may be asked to consider further modifications to Article 149 in the future.

If any additional information is necessary concerning this matter, please contact the Redevelopment Authority office. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration concerning these requested modifications.

Sincerely,


James Fiorentino
Chairman

cc: Mayor Donchez
City Solicitor Leeson
Council Solicitor Spirk
BPRC Members
Tony Hanna