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**RE: SR# HCE-20221212-5560; property at 7825 Kelly Street; Pittsburgh PA 15208**

Dear Director Bogen and Jeff O'Brien, Environmental Health Supervisor,

Please consider this correspondence as my **written appeal** of the January 9, 2023, letter from your office, ordering abatement of the situation at the above-listed property.

The resident at the above-listed property, Ms. Sheena Davis, has been severely and chronically delinquent with rent payments, and simply failed in many of the payments, over an extended period of time; thousands and thousands of dollars worth of still outstanding rent. Ms. Davis has been in the property for the past few years, as a courtesy, particularly given all her various issues, conditions and hardships, and more significantly, as a favor to her deceased Mother. I have tried, excessively and to my own detriment to work with Ms. Davis and support her to remain in the property, so she and her child would have somewhere to live. I have over-extended myself offsetting her rent, and paying other property related expenses to the point where I could no longer continue to financially carry Ms. Davis. Despite that Ms. Davis has repeatedly promised to move out of the property, she has not done so. I have no capacity to continue to incur bills and costs on her behalf, with no realistic likelihood of ever recovering those costs. I also do not want to incur the damage to my credit that goes along with continued delinquencies waiting to see when or if she vacates the property. Because I am so financially over-extended with this situation, I cannot afford the costs associated with investing work in the property.

Furthermore, it was recently brought to my attention that Ms. Davis, her family, friends and visitors have been particularly horrible neighbors. The surrounding neighbors, like me, had been trying excessively to extend grace to Ms. Davis, both as a favor to me, and because they could see that she is immature, struggling and seemingly lacking in many of the characteristics that go along with being well-raised and socialized.

Sadly, the situation deteriorated to the point of proceeding to an eviction process which local District Justice Cooper granted in January 2023, and Ms. Davis, with the support of Neighborhood Legal Services, has an appeal pending. Upon my advising Ms. Davis of my intentions and formally initiating the eviction process, in December 2022, Ms. Davis then pursued her complaint with your office. And now, your office has generated all of this additional process and cost and potential fines and threat of loss of the property to accommodate someone who has already taken extreme advantage. When most recently viewed, about a week and ½ ago, the property will basically need to be gutted and totally refreshed, despite that when Ms. Davis moved into the property, it was in very nice, very livable condition. At this point, that is hard to envision, since she has torn up, torn down, run down and damaged the property so badly that I do not have the finances to do all that needs to be done and all that I would like to have done. Every item listed in your "Inspection Report," and more, has evolved while Ms. Davis has resided in the property.

In light of the requirements and timetable set by your agency, I have in somewhat of a panic, sold the property, since I cannot comply with what your office has set forth. I am deeply disappointed and frustrated that I have taken such a loss, under such circumstances. This has been a life lesson in *"no good deed goes unpunished."*

It is my hope that your agency will relieve me of any further burden or responsibility for carrying Ms. Davis, providing a place for her to live or repairing property that she has damaged, destroyed and not paid for. It is also my hope that you will give the new property owner an opportunity to have Ms. Davis formally and officially removed from the property, since the new owner does not have the history or burden of "relationship" with Ms. Davis, that I so unsuccessfully navigated. It is my understanding that the new property owner will need some reasonable period of time to do a quality renovation of the property to their own satisfaction and at their own financial pace.

Thank you for what I hope will be your favorable consideration of this situation. Please let me know what the options are for next steps.

Respectfully,



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