



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Kevin Murphy, City Manager
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FROM: R. Eric Slagle, Director of Development Services

**RE: MOTION BY COUNCILOR MERCIER - REQ. CITY MGR. PROVIDE A STATUS
AND UPDATE REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 318 ANDOVER ST.**

This memorandum addresses the request from Councilor Mercier regarding the status of the property located at 318 Andover St. This property is a single-family home currently owned by Melvin J Cheney, IV.

After the motion request from the City Council, inspectors from Development Services visited the property. At that time, the property was noted to be significantly overgrown, and appeared vacant. The owner of record supposedly receives mail at the address, and we have found no record of a forwarding address. The property did have a tax lien from the owner Collette Cheney that went into tax title in 2012, was sold at the tax lien auction, and was foreclosed upon and sold to Melvin Cheney IV in 2014. However, the property was arrears in taxes again in 2015, and the lien was sold at auction earlier this year. The purchaser of the tax lien has filed to foreclose on the property. There is no indication of a mortgage on the property, and so we do not have a lender we can contact to remediate the overgrowth at the property.

Development Services has been in contact with the holder of the tax lien, and will provide an update as to the foreclosure status once we have that information. The lien holder will move to remediate the code violations once they have control of the property. We will continue to closely monitor the situation.

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