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DATE: April 30, 2013

TO: Plan Commission

FROM: George Hank, Director

SUBJECT: Demolition Permit – 1218 Artisan Drive

During the early morning hours of June 16, 2012, fire destroyed the single family home located at 1218 Artisan Drive on the City's East Side. The fire burned through the exterior walls and eventually the roof, opening the structure to the elements since the time of the fire. The house has been deemed a total loss.

The insurance company has stated that the policy was not in effect at the time of the fire and has denied coverage. The property was in foreclosure at the time of the fire and the owner does not have the means to raze the property. The City will raze the damaged structure in accordance with Madison General Ordinance 29.11 and Wisconsin State Statute 66.0143 and will recover the cost through a special assessment against the property.

As part of the demolition of the house, the City will remove the structure, tip in the foundation walls, backfill and seed the site, close the driveway and plug the sanitary sewer. The property could be developed in the future per the existing SR-C1 Zoning.

The building grade level doors and windows have been secured but this only prevents people who generally obey the law from entering the building. In its current condition, the building constitutes a public nuisance and should be removed as soon as possible. I am writing to urge support for the issuance of the Demolition Permit.