

1104 Blackstone

To: Grayson Bottom City Manager, City Council members
From: Toby Anders Code Enforcement Officer
Date: 12/13/2007
Re: Condemnation of 1104 Blackstone

First notification was back in October of '06 with grass, weeds, & trash with Mr. Jantz. In April of '07 notification was sent to Mr. Jantz and no response was made, so the next step was an Abatement Hearing with the City Manager after that we mowed the and cleaned the property several times through the summer. Then on October 21, 2007 the Fire Department was called to the residence for a structure fire. At that time I was able to gain access to the residence for an internal inspection. At the time of the structure fire no utilities were on at the house. After gaining entry to the house I found that the house had piles and piles of trash, debris, and things that appeared to have been human waste in them. My intentions for the property with the City Councils approval is to condemn the house but not to demolish it. My plans are to go in to the house and clean and remove all trash and debris. After that is done then lock and secure the property that way no access can be gained in efforts to prevent this situation to occur again. As the house is right now it is unfit for human occupancy do to the fact of lack sanitation and the lack of utilities. The property was posted October 22, 2007 stating that the house was in need of cleaning and repair. I gave Mr. Jantz 30 days to have the house cleaned or make contact with me, neither one has happened.

The Building inspector and I made an inspection together the next morning and agreed that structurally the house was fine, but all the damage was just cosmetic and could be repaired.