



# ***BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE***

**CERTIFICATION HEARING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022  
HYBRID MEETING  
6:00 p.m.  
AGENDA**

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**All parties wishing to testify must register with the BPRC Solicitor or City Clerk before the hearing begins. All parties requiring translation services need to provide notice to the Property Maintenance Division one week in advance.**

**I. Call to Order**

**6:00p.m.**

**II. Purpose**

The purpose of the Determination/Certification Hearing is in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law of 1945, as amended, and the City of Reading Blighted Property Review Committee Ordinance as amended by Bill #108-2010. The City of Reading has found that the properties listed on this agenda meet the legal definition of "blight" by exhibiting one or more of the following twelve conditions listed in the Ordinance. As prescribed by the Ordinance, the City of Reading's Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) is meeting to review the reports of the Building/Trades Division and the Property Maintenance Division on these

properties to determine or certify whether the properties, in fact, meet the definition of blight and can be determined or certified as a blighted property.

As described in the Ordinance, if your property is determined or certified as blighted, the BPRC will issue an Order which will provide you with approximately 60 days to rehabilitate the property to correct/remove the cause of blight, or follow the designated alternative remedy. At the hearing the BPRC shall render an Order which shall be mailed to the property owner. If the property owner fails to comply with the final BPRC Certification Order, the property becomes eligible for certification to the Reading Redevelopment Authority for acquisition.

### **III. Approval Agenda & Minutes from the August 2022 Determination Hearing**

### **IV. Properties to be Removed from the Process**

### **V. Determination Hearing**

#### **4. 730 Bingaman St, Francisco Dominguez, owner, 407 N 9<sup>th</sup> St Rdg, Purchased Jan 2022 – *Tabled at the March 2022 Determination Hearing***

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 730 Bingaman St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

#### **6. 438 S 6<sup>th</sup> St, Cesar Emilio Nunez, owner, 533A Maple St., Rdg PA, Purchased Dec 2017**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 438 S 6<sup>th</sup> St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**7. 152 Elm St, McKnight's Cafe, owner, 152 Elm St, Reading, Purchased March 1999 –  
Tabled at the March 2022 Determination Hearing**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 152 Elm St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**11. 1353 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, owner, David Crespo, 5918 57<sup>th</sup> St, Maspeth NY, Purchased June 2012**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1353 N 10<sup>th</sup> St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**12. 645 S 17<sup>th</sup> ½ St, DSV SPV2 LLV, owner, PO Box 1348 Lexington SC, Purchased July 2017**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 645 S 17<sup>th</sup> ½ St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**14. 833 Schuylkill Ave, David Davis, owner, PO Box 681 Reading PA, Purchased June 2007**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 833 Schuylkill Ave as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**15. 726 Franklin St, Maribel DeJesus, owner, PO Box 128 NY NY, Purchased Aug 2018**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 726 Franklin St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**16. 804 Chestnut St, John Caba, owner, 804 Chestnut St Reading PA, Purchased Nov 2021**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 804 Chestnut St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**17. 149 Maitland St, Jose Martinez, owner, 246 S White Horse Pike Berlin NJ, Purchased Aug 2021**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 149 Maitland St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**19. 8 Nottingham Ct, Peter Raber, owner, 8 Nottingham Ct Rdg PA, Purchased March 1993**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 8 Nottingham Ct as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.