

RESOLUTION NUMBER 48
COMPLETE BOARD-UP OF VACANT AND ABANDONED BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the City and Land Reutilization Authority only board-up the first-floor windows and doors of vacant and abandoned buildings; and

WHEREAS, only boarding-up first-floor entrances is not an effective means of preventing damage to such buildings caused by weather and, more importantly, it does little to prevent persons from entering and vandalizing these structures or using them for unlawful purposes; and

WHEREAS, not completely boarding-up vacant and abandoned buildings and allowing their further decay from weather and abuse is a threat to the health and safety of the communities in which these buildings are located; and

WHEREAS, the decay resulting from not completely boarding-up abandoned and vacant buildings ultimately leads to their destruction, and the act of tearing down these structures presents its own threats to the health of communities as these old buildings contain asbestos, lead, and other chemicals and materials that are known to impact the mental and physical development of children, and cause respiratory diseases and cancer; and

WHEREAS, the City incurs financial and cultural costs from the tearing down of buildings that have been left to decay from not being completely boarded-up.

NOWHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we recognize need for completely boarding-up vacant and abandoned buildings and we urge the Building Division and Land Reutilization Authority to protect the health and welfare of our communities and the cultural and architectural fabric of our City by taking the simple step of completely boarding-up vacant and abandoned buildings. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 25th day of June, 2021 by:
The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis Reed
President, Board of Aldermen