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Greetings Mayor Ruth and all council members:

My name is Steve Creger, and I have lived at 8 Burnham Ave since 1974. The property that my residence is on was at one time occupied by the First Ward School. I purchased the property in 1974 and proceeded to tear down the dilapidated building (see enclosed photo). It was a huge building that took me two years to tear down and clean up the mess. The lot is now occupied by my home. This brings me to the pictures of the garage and house directly behind mine at 90 Williams Street. These pictures were taken out of my living room window. This is what I get to look at every day. The roof on the garage collapsed during the Atlas Snow storm that happened in 2013. It has been this way for EIGHT YEARS. I have been trying to get the city to get something done with this problem for the same amount of time. I've complained to the code enforcement officers with no results. I've complained to both past and present building inspectors, with no results. I've complained to the last two city managers, and the present city manager, with no results. I don't understand why this problem can't be resolved. This is a safety issue as well as a nuisance issue. It also affects the property values of the residence in the area. If the city has ordinances that can correct this problem, then they need to be applied and enforced. If the city does not have ordinances that can fix this problem, then it is time to make some.

In conclusion, I took a piece of property with a big mess on it and turned it into a very nice piece of property that is an asset to the city not an eyesore. I see no reason why something can't be done about the eyesore that occupies 90 Williams Street.

Thank You for Your Time,



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