On December 31, 2019, the home located at 221 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW was damaged by a fire. After investigation by the Community Development Department, the home was placarded and documented as uninhabitable.

The Community Development Department has made several attempts to contact the owners without a response. The home has been sitting vacant since the date of the fire with no repairs made or attempt to secure the property from being entered by people or vermin. The home has become a public safety hazard and a public nuisance.

The Community Development Department has just recently been made aware the property has sold to an investor from Omaha, Nebraska on tax sale. Our Department has been in contact with the new owners which have shown willingness to work with the city to remedy the situation.

The Community Development Department has provided pictures showing the current condition of the home.