

On November 2, 2019, the home located at 408 West Charles was damaged by a fire. The Community Development Department investigated the property and confirmed with the extent of damage to the home it was unable to be occupied until repairs were made. At the time of the inspection Mr. Prouty discovered pre-existing problems with the foundation.

The building official visited the property the week of November 4, 2019 to confirm the failing foundation. McIntosh and Service Master were notified by the Community Development Dept. about repairs that would have to be made to the foundation before the home could be occupied. McIntosh said she could not repair the foundation due to financial means and the insurance company would only pay for fire damaged repairs.

McIntosh has clearly decided to not repair the home and is currently living in Cedar Rapids, IA. The home has been sitting vacant since the date of the fire. All personal belongings have been removed. The tarp installed to cover the hole in the roof has been torn, allowing all exterior elements to enter the home.

There was an attempt by a contractor hired by the insurance company to repair anything damaged by the fire. When the foundation issues were presented to the owner, the process stopped. The home is now vacant, unsecured, and an open roof. This property located at 408 West Charles is a public nuisance and a public safety hazard.

The Community Development Dept. has provided pictures showing the current condition of the property.