



## BLIGHT REVIEW/COUNCIL PROPERTY INFORMATION

518 Clinton St.

### BASIC INFORMATION

- **PARCEL: 089F-30-003-00**
- **CASE: Code -25-211**
- **WARD: 4**
- **TAX VALUE: 6,000**
- **VACANT: Yes**
- **REPAIRABLE:**

### NEARBY PROPERTIES/ TAXES

Right side: 516 Clinton St.	\$ 6,000
Left side: 520 Clinton St	\$ 4,800
Rear: 1010 N. Madison St.	\$ 10,000
Front: 511 Clinton St.	\$ 4,800

### TAXES/LIENS

Taxes: Current                      City Liens: \$ 300

### VISUAL INDICATORS OF BLIGHT

- **EXTERIOR MATERIALS IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR: Yes**
- **STRUCTURAL DAMAGE OR FAILURE: Yes**
- **BROKEN WINDOWS\ DAMAGED DOORS: Yes**
- **YARD OR GROUNDS POORLY MAINTAINED: Yes**
- **ACCUMULATION OF JUNK: Yes**

### CODE ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

- **PRIOR VIOLATIONS: Yes**
- **CURRENT STATUS: In Demo**
- **SYNOPSIS: Homeowners have been sent 2 comply notices and no response.**

City of Tupelo, MS

# Inspection Report

**Inspection:** DEMO - Inspection

**Inspector:** Jake Logan

**Inspection Date:** Feb 25, 2026

**Record:** Demolition #DEMO-25-10

**Location:** 518 CLINTON STREET, TUPELO, MS 38804

**Applicant:**

## Demolition Inspection

**Overall Result:** Fail

## Checklist:

### Building Structure

Sagging or unsound walls, floors, roof or ceiling

**Result:** Fail



### Building Structure

Defective sills, piers, porches, steps

**Result:** Fail



### **Building Structure**

Defective windows or doors

**Result:** Fail



### **Plumbing/Gas**

Missing or defective fixtures

**Result:** Not Observed

### **Sanitation and Health Condition**

Natural gas odor detected (air quality)

**Result:** Not Observed

### **Sanitation and Health Condition**

Infestation of insects/rodents

**Result:** Not Observed

### **Sanitation and Health Condition**

Unsanitary interior

**Result:** Not Observed

### **Sanitation and Health Condition**

Abandoned "junk" vehicle(s)

**Result:** Pass

### Sanitation and Health Condition

Sewer odor detected (air quality)

**Result:** Pass

### Sanitation and Health Condition

Junk/debris around perimeter of house

**Result:** Fail



### Sanitation and Health Condition

Overgrown lot

**Result:** Fail

### Utility Service

Electric

**Result:** Not Observed

### Utility Service

Gas

**Result:** Not Observed

### Utility Service

Water

**Result:** Not Observed



## HEARING NOTICE

03/13/26

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

COMPLAINT NO. 25-211

Vs.

**DOROTHY TOWNSEND**

The following is a notification as required by Mississippi State Law. Your property has not been maintained appropriately, and we have not received adequate response to the correspondence mailed to the owners of record regarding this property. A hearing will be held before the City Council of Tupelo, MS to give you, as an interested party in this property, an opportunity to plead your case prior to the council deciding whether your property should be subject to demolition. If you would like to discuss this matter prior to the meeting referenced below, please call Jake Logan at 662-322-9295.

### PETITION UNDER MISS. CODE ANN. §21-19-11

The City of Tupelo, Mississippi, by and through the Department of Development Services, hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner," issues this Petition against the above-named party or parties, hereinafter referred to as "Owner."

1. **Charges.** The Petitioner, on its own motion, charges that, based on preliminary investigation as evidenced by Exhibit "A" attached hereto, the property of Owner located at **518 Clinton Street #089F-30-003-00, Tupelo MS**, including building(s) thereon, is in such a state of uncleanliness or demise as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, and that a hearing before the City Council pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 is warranted.
2. **Notice.** A hearing has been set before City Council of the City of Tupelo at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on **04/07/2026, at City Hall, 71 East Troy Street, Tupelo, MS at 6:00 p. m.** You have the right to attend and respond to the charges.
3. **Finding.** If at said hearing the City Council adjudicates that the property or land in its then condition is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, then it shall order that the Owner undertake one or more of the following measures: cutting grass and weeds; filling cisterns; removing rubbish, removing dilapidated fences, removing outside toilets, **demolishing dilapidated**

**buildings**, removing personal property and other debris; and draining cesspools and standing water, as warranted and applicable.

- 4. Failure to Comply.** If the Owner fails to take the necessary action, the City shall proceed to do so by the use of municipal employees or by contract and may by resolution adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning the property, including administrative and legal costs, and may also impose a penalty of \$1,500.00 or 50% of the actual cost. The decision of the City Council may be appealed in the same manner as other appeals from a municipal governing authority are taken.

An adjudication at the hearing that the property or parcel of land is in need of cleaning will authorize the municipality to reenter the property or parcel of land for a period of one (1) year after the hearing without any future hearing.

**WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, THIS THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.**



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**Tanner Newman**  
**Director of Development Services**

**NOTICES SENT TO:**

Dorothy Townsend  
518 Clinton Street  
Tupelo, MS 38804

Dorothy Townsend  
906 Madison Street  
Tupelo, MS 38804

Merchant & Farmers Bank  
333 Court Street  
Tupelo, MS 38804

Scott Pickle, PA  
Trustee for Merchant & Farmers Bank  
PO Box 520  
Kosciusko, MS 39090

Scott Pickle, PA  
Trustee for Merchant & Farmers Bank  
PO Box 701  
Kosciusko, MS 39090-0701



# CITY OF TUPELO

## DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

### NOTICE TO COMPLY

Violation Address:  
518 CLINTON STREET  
TUPELO, MS 38804

Date: January 7, 2026  
Case Number: CODE-25-211  
Parcel Number: 089F-30-003-00

Owner Name: TOWNSEND DOROTHY  
Owner Address: 906 NORTH MADISON ST, TUPELO, MS 38804

Dear Property Owner or Tenant,  
It is the mission of the Code Compliance Division to help keep property values up and neighborhoods vibrant by finding and pointing out code violations on residential and commercial properties throughout the City of Tupelo. We hope to have the cooperation of owners and/ or tenants of these properties in resolving these code violations. Please see the information listed below and do your part to keep our community clean and safe.

**Your property has been recognized as having the following violations:**

The re-inspect date is: **September 5, 2025**  
**PLEASE CORRECT VIOLATIONS BY THIS DATE**

MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Determination that property or parcel of land is menace; notification to property owner; hearing; cleaning private property; cost and penalty as assessment against property; appeal (1) To determine whether property or parcel of land located within a municipality is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, a governing authority of any municipality shall conduct a hearing, on its own motion, or upon the receipt of a petition signed by a majority of the residents residing within four hundred (400) feet of any property or parcel of land alleged to be in need of the cleaning. Notice shall be provided to the property owner by: (a) United States mail two (2) weeks before the date of the hearing mailed to the address of the subject property and to the address where the ad valorem tax notice for such property is sent by the office charged with collecting ad valorem tax; and (b) Posting notice for at least two (2) weeks before the date of a hearing on the property or parcel of land alleged to be in need of cleaning and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are posted. Any notice required by this section shall include language that informs the property owner that an adjudication at the hearing that the property or parcel of land is in need of cleaning will authorize the municipality to reenter the property or parcel of land for a period of one (1) year after final adjudication without any further hearing if notice is posted on the property or parcel of land and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted at least seven (7) days before the property or parcel of land is reentered for cleaning. A copy of the required notice mailed and posted as required by this section shall be recorded in the minutes of the governing authority in conjunction with the hearing required by this section. If, at such hearing, the governing authority shall adjudicate the property or parcel of land in its then condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, the governing authority, if the owner does not do so himself, shall proceed to clean the land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting grass and weeds; filling cisterns; removing rubbish, abandoned or dilapidated



fences, outside toilets, abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, personal property, which removal of personal property shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 21-39-21, and other debris; and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom. The governing authority may by resolution adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning the property and may also impose a penalty not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 1,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost, whichever is more. The cost and any penalty may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and administrative costs and legal costs of the municipality. For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period after the date of the hearing at which the property or parcel of land was adjudicated in need of cleaning, upon seven (7) days' notice posted both on the property or parcel of land adjudicated in need of cleaning and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted, and consistent with the municipality's adjudication as authorized in this subsection (1), a municipality may reenter the property or parcel of land to maintain cleanliness without further notice or hearing no more than six (6) times in any twelve-month period with respect to removing abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, dilapidated fences and outside toilets, and no more than twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris on the land, and the expense of cleaning of the property, except as otherwise provided in this section for removal of hazardous substances, shall not exceed an aggregate amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$ 20,000.00) per year, or the fair market value of the property subsequent to cleaning, whichever is more. The aggregate cost of removing hazardous substances will be the actual cost of such removal to the municipality and shall not be subject to the Twenty Thousand Dollar (\$ 20,000.00) limitation provided in this subsection. The governing authority may assess the same penalty for each time the property or land is cleaned as otherwise provided in this section. The penalty provided herein shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi upon request for reimbursement under Section 29-1-145, nor shall a municipality clean a parcel owned by the State of Mississippi without first giving notice. (2) If the governing authority declares, by resolution, that the cost and any penalty shall be collected as a civil debt, the governing authority may authorize the institution of a suit on open account against the owner of the property in a court of competent jurisdiction in the manner provided by law for the cost and any penalty, plus court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and interest from the date that the property was cleaned. (3) (a) If the governing authority declares that the cost and any penalty shall be collected as an assessment against the property, then the assessment above provided for shall be a lien against the property and may be enrolled in the office of the circuit clerk of the county as other judgments are enrolled, and the tax collector of the municipality shall, upon order of the board of governing authorities, proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. The lien against the property shall be an encumbrance upon the property and shall follow title of the property. (b) (i) All assessments levied under the provisions of this section shall be included with municipal ad valorem taxes and payment shall be enforced in the same manner in which payment is enforced for municipal ad valorem taxes, and all statutes regulating the collection of other taxes in a municipality shall apply to the enforcement and collection of the assessments levied under the provisions of this section, including utilization of the procedures authorized under Sections 17-13-9(2) and 27-41-2. (ii) All assessments levied under the provisions of this section shall become delinquent at the same time municipal ad valorem taxes become delinquent. Delinquencies shall be collected in the same

manner and at the same time delinquent ad valorem taxes are collected and shall bear the same penalties as those provided for delinquent taxes. If the property is sold for the nonpayment of an assessment under this section, it shall be sold in the manner that property is sold for the nonpayment of delinquent ad valorem taxes. If the property is sold for delinquent ad valorem taxes, the assessment under this section shall be added to the delinquent tax and collected at the same time and in the same manner. (4) All decisions rendered under the provisions of this section may be appealed in the same manner as other appeals from municipal boards or courts are taken. (5) Nothing contained under this section shall prevent any municipality from enacting criminal penalties for failure to maintain property so as not to constitute a menace to public health, safety and welfare.

DEV CODE 11.6.3(2) PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS - MINIMUM LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

(a) One hundred percent (100%) of the front yard must be landscaped with proper materials including but not limited to grass, shrubs, and flowers. A maximum of twenty-five (25%) of the front yard may be concrete or paved. (b) Shrubs must be planted in front of the house in the front yard of the property, as defined by Chapter 2 of this Ordinance. The shrubs may be planted a minimum of three (3) feet apart, on center, along the front side of the building. Shrubs must be kept trimmed and shaped. (c) All landscaping must be maintained with regard to the mowing of grass, raking of leaves, and maintenance of landscape beds on the property. (d) All landscaping must be maintained so as to ensure its continued growth. CHAPTER 2: 2.4 DEFINITIONS YARD, FRONT: The yard between a building and the front lot line, extending across the entire width of a lot, between side lot lines.

DEV CODE 11.6.3(6) PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this code for any person to erect, maintain, use, place, deposit, cause, allow, leave or permit any of the following on any residential property: (a) Any wood surfaces unprotected from the elements by paint or other protective treatment; (b) Exterior painted surfaces with loose, cracked, scaling, chipping, or peeling paint, visible from a public area, in such amounts as to present a deteriorated or slum-like appearance; (c) Broken, rotted, split, curled or missing roofing material in such amounts as to present a deteriorated or slum-like appearance. (d) Property owners are responsible for maintenance of property and behavior of tenants in rental property.

**DETAILS AND REMEDIES:**  
**DEMOLISH OR BRING TO 2018 IBC STANDARDS**

**§17.1.2 of the Development Code states:** (1) Liability for violations. Any person who erects, constructs, reconstructs, alters, repairs, converts or maintains any building or structure in violation of this Ordinance, and any person who uses any building, structure or land in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000), or shall be imprisoned in jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or shall be punished by both fine and imprisonment for each offense. (2) Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct violation or offense.



Troy Peck  
Chief  
Code Compliance Division  
662-687-2815

The Development Code and Municipal Code of Ordinances can be found at [www.tupeloms.gov](http://www.tupeloms.gov).  
**13.5.11 Penalties for Violations:** No penalty shall be assessed unless and until the person alleged to be in violation has been notified of the violation in accordance with this Chapter. This notice requirement shall not apply in the case of a repeat offender violating the same provision for which notice has been previously given

(2) Pursuant to the Mississippi Code 17-1-27, any person convicted of violating provisions of this Code other than those referenced in Section 13.5.11(1) above shall, on conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or shall be imprisoned in jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or shall be punished by both fine and imprisonment for each offense.

(3) Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct violation or offense.

**THIS NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS HAS ALSO BEEN MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING:**





2/25/26, 1:35 PM  
518 Clinton St  
Tupelo MS 38804



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Tupelo MS 38804

