

RESOLUTION 10581

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 321 1ST AVENUE SOUTHWEST, CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA, A NUISANCE, ORDER THE NUISANCE BE ABATED, AND AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO FORCE ABATEMENT IF NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, Heirs/Family or Assigns of Ralph and/or Cecilia Laverdure, owner of the real property and structures located at 321 1st Avenue Southwest, Lot 13 Block 596, Great Falls 5th, Cascade County, Montana, and within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Great Falls, was given notice pursuant to the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Section 8.49.040, of a hearing before the City Commission on July 1, 2025, wherein said Heirs/Family or Assigns of Ralph and/or Cecilia Laverdure was informed the City Commission would proceed to hear the testimony of City personnel and the testimony of any other interested party, who may be present, and desire to testify respecting the condition of the property; and

WHEREAS, said Heirs/Family or Assigns of Ralph and/or Cecilia Laverdure was informed that the City Commission upon the conclusion of the hearing, would by resolution, declare its findings, and may declare the property to be a nuisance, and direct the owner to physically commence abatement within ten (10) days, and to complete said abatement within thirty (30) days, by having the property demolished, removed, or other appropriate act necessary to cure the nuisance; and

WHEREAS, said Heirs/Family or Assigns of Ralph and/or Cecilia Laverdure was informed that failure to abate the nuisance would result in the property being the subject of repair, demolition, removal, or other appropriate act, as the case may be, by the City and the expenses thereof shall remain a lien on the property; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has conducted the hearing on July 1, 2025, regarding the property pursuant to OCCGF 8.49.050, hearing the testimony of the City personnel and the testimony of any other interested party, who was present, and desired to testify respecting the condition of the property, removal or other appropriate action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

1. Staff and other interested parties having presented evidence of the condition of the subject property, and having described the condition of the subject property, the City Commission does hereby find the same to be a nuisance pursuant to OCCGF Section 8.49.050, and hereby directs the owner to commence abatement within ten (10) days of the date of this resolution to the satisfaction of the Great Falls Planning and Community Development Director, pursuant to OCCGF Section 8.49.050.

2. It is further ordered that, abatement, to the satisfaction of the Great Falls Planning and Community Development Director, be completed within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, pursuant to OCCGF Section 8.49.050.
3. It is further ordered that, if the owner fails to abate said nuisance as ordered and within the time allowed, the City Staff is directed to take any and all steps necessary to abate the nuisance with all expenses to attach as a lien against the property.
4. This Resolution shall be in effect for a one (1) year period from the date below.
5. City staff shall serve said Heirs/Family or Assigns of Ralph and/or Cecilia Laverdure with a copy of this resolution by certified Mail, postage prepaid, and return receipt requested, as required by section 8.49.050, OCCGF.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY SAID CITY COMMISSION that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on July 1, 2025.

Cory Reeves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT

David Dennis, City Attorney