

*Regular Meeting of the  
Abatement Appeals Board*

*March 18, 2026*

*Agenda Item E1  
Public Comment*

## Public Comment | Abatement Appeals Board Hearing | March 18, 2026

**Property:** 429 Laidley St

**Complaint / Order of Abatement:** 202427214

**Subject:** Vacant / Abandoned Building (Ordinance 194-09)

**Submitted by:**

Justin Gorrell - adjacent property owner

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I submit this statement regarding the appeal of the Order of Abatement issued under Complaint 202427214 for 429 Laidley St, which concerns the property's compliance with the Vacant Building Ordinance (Ordinance 194-09).

I live immediately adjacent to the property at 429 Laidley St. Our homes are constructed wall-to-wall at the lot line so the condition of that structure directly affects my property.

The question before the Board is whether the property meets the criteria of a vacant and abandoned building under Ordinance 194-09. The most recent DBI walkthrough inspection on March 6, 2026 confirmed that the property remains vacant and not being maintained, with overgrown vegetation and scaffolding still in place despite the absence of any active permitted work. The appellant's appeal form posits that a permit renewal was submitted on December 8, 2025, however, there is no official evidence of said renewal; the March 6 inspection then confirmed that no permitted work is occurring.

From where my neighbors and I see this property every day, these conditions at 429 Laidley have persisted for years and have been repeatedly documented through DBI complaints and enforcement actions. The property has remained unfinished, visibly deteriorating, and largely untouched except for occasional activity immediately preceding inspections. In practical terms, the structure has stood vacant, weathered, and overgrown for years while the surrounding neighborhood continues to function as normal residential housing. These conditions reflect the textbook definition of neighborhood blight and reasonably qualify as a public nuisance.

It is also important to note that DBI first identified the unpermitted rear and upper-story construction at this site in January 2019. The property is now subject to three Orders of Abatement addressing the conditions surrounding that same structure:

1. **Complaint 201918691:** Order of Abatement issued December 2022 addressing unpermitted construction that was never abated
2. **Complaint 202427214:** the Order currently under appeal addressing the property's continuing vacant and abandoned status

3. **Complaint 202544438:** an unsafe building Order of Abatement issued February 2026 requiring weatherization, removal of scaffolding, engineering review, and corrective action due to structural concerns

More than seven years after the City first identified the unsafe and unpermitted construction, those conditions remain unabated and the property continues to meet the criteria of a vacant and abandoned building under Ordinance 194-09.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Board affirm the Order of Abatement issued under Complaint 202427214.

Thank you for your consideration.

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*Justin D. Gorrell* 3/15/2026  
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