Blight: Code Enforcement
with WIN

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Summary Program
With repeat violations once they are in this, within 2 years, they don't have to get a notice. Instead employees continuously monitor to ensure compliance. WIN increased admin fee on Summary Program to allow more time to be spent here monitoring these vacant properties.

Is there anything being done to target absentee landlords?
There is a plan to address rental properties (which includes absentee landlords).

Fines
Fines increased for repeat violations. For those with hardships, WIN connects them to resources for emergency repair, community housing development organizations, etc.

Etta Taylor's Questions
Mr. McGee mentioned that WIN gave money for improvements. Do we know what those improvements were? Completed? Is there an oversight for WIN to ensure the monies are actually upgrading the home from nuisance to compliance? Does WIN retain contractors to perform the needed work? Are there any photos of before and after?

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Mr. McGee's Questions
How and why what I consider as BLIGHT that is allowed to continue to exist after the City of Tulsa when the WIN Department has had to issue contracts to have it cleaned at least 2 times yet it still looks like the pictures I sent out to our group a week ago??

There is an issue of funding and trying to address the worst first. Remember to keep reporting so they are aware of noncompliance.

Working in Neighborhoods
Definition of Blighted properties
The City's working definition of blight is:
Any structure or lot which is:
1. Uninhabitable, or
2. Unsafe or negatively affects health, or
3. Abandoned, or
4. Presents an imminent danger to people or property; or
5. A location where repeated illegal activities occur; and violates state or local property codes.

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