

## **City of Springfield, Ohio**

### **Community Development – Code Enforcement Division**

#### **Board / Secure Program**

Vacant structures that have open doors and / or broken or missing windows are an invitation to vandalism, arson or other illegal activities. Whenever such structures are inspected by Code Enforcement we take photographs, measure the openings for boards and post the structure with a notice to the owner to secure the structure within 24 hours. If the owner does not secure the structure within 24 hours then Code Enforcement forwards a work notice to our contractor to have the structure secured by boarding.

After a structure is boarded, if it is not immediately condemned, the owner must elect whether to repair, sell or demolish the structure within a specified time. If an owner does not elect to do anything with the structure then the City will condemn the structure and pursue demolition.

Water service to boarded structures is discontinued and can only be reestablished by repairing the structure to the requirements of the 2000 International Property Maintenance Code. An owner may have temporary water service for boarded structures during the repair process by signing an Expedited Repair Agreement and providing a \$500 liquidated damages deposit.

Electric service to boarded structures is terminated and can only be reestablished by purchasing an electric reconnect permit from the Inspection Services Division. Electric service will only be authorized, after inspection, if the current service is intact, undamaged and is equipped, at minimum, with a three-wire, 120/240 volt, single phase service having a rating of not less than 100 amperes.

Boarded structures are placarded with the owner's name and mailing address obtained from the official Clark County property records.

The Board / Secure Master List is a listing of all the structures boarded by the City. These structures are in the process of either being sold, repaired, or demolished. Many local investors use this list to locate potential purchases. The City does not own these structures.

Please contact us at (937) 324-7385 with any questions you may have regarding this program.