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City of Augusta to begin demolishing blighted properties

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AUGUSTA, GA (July 1, 2021) – Several areas in the City of Augusta will get a new lease on life as city officials move forward with removing abandoned and dilapidated properties. The initial demolition will take place at the corridor of Sherman and Maple Streets, and media are invited to attend. During the event, there will be remarks from Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. and members of the Augusta Commission.

BACKGROUND: The demolishing of blighted property is a part of the city's [Redevelopment Area and Blighted Properties Program Ordinance](#), a mandate that allows the city to clean up blighted properties when owners neglect to do so. The term "blight" includes property issues ranging from the deterioration of buildings to the lack of upkeep of land. Blighted or distressed areas create public safety hazards and are often crime-prone areas.

WHEN: 9 a.m. on Friday, July 2

WHERE: The intersection of Sherman and Maple Streets in Augusta. View the map for additional details on the location.

Media interested in covering this event should contact Danielle Harris at 706-564-3460. Learn more about the City of Augusta at www.augustaga.gov.

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