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Scranton Plans Demolition of Multiple Blighted Properties

SCRANTON, PA. – In Mayor Paige G. Cognetti's ongoing commitment to improving public safety and fostering increased quality of life throughout neighborhoods, the City of Scranton will complete a series of blighted property demolitions throughout the late summer and fall.

"With these demolitions, we are nearing 100 properties taken down during our administration to help increase property values through the city and eliminate dangerous structures," **Mayor**Cognetti said. "We will continue the important work of removing blighted homes across all of our neighborhoods."

Properties included in the first two groups of demolitions released this year, which will be completed using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), are:

- 231-233 Harrison Avenue
- 306 Beddoe Court
- 812 Rear Hampton Street
- 1848 Clearview Street
- 524 and 524 Rear Gibbons Street
- 402 Theodore Street, including a garage
- 1109 Poplar Street

Brdaric Excavating was awarded demolition contracts for the first two groups of dangerous properties released in 2025 for \$61,400 and \$89,900, respectively.

In addition, Brdaric will also demolish a long-blighted property at 630 Clay Avenue following a bid for \$49,000 earlier this year. That project will be completed using City funds.

While multiple more rounds of property demolitions are still slated to be released this year, one bid is open at this time. The City aims to demolish 110 Marion Avenue using City funds. The property is "in a state of advanced disrepair" including a "compromised rear deck structure and deterioration of the building envelope." Demolition bids for 110 Marion Avenue will be accepted until 10 a.m. on Thurs., Aug. 21.

The City of Scranton works diligently to balance the rights of individual owners and the government's responsibility to advance public safety and quality of life priorities when addressing blighted properties.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON: Incorporated in 1866, the City of Scranton has a population of approximately 76,000 residents and is the sixth-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Scranton City Hall is located at 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Residents requiring services should visit www.scrantonpa.gov

ABOUT MAYOR PAIGE G. COGNETTI: Paige G. Cognetti was sworn in as the 36th Mayor of Scranton in January 2020. Her administration is focused on driving economic growth, upgrading infrastructure, ensuring public safety, fostering government transparency and efficiency, and improving residents' overall quality of life.