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MAYOR REDD PLACES AN ADDITIONAL 39 PROPERTIES IN THE CRAMER HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ON CITY'S ABANDONED PROPERTIES LIST

CAMDEN – Two weeks after placing 59 properties on the City of Camden's abandoned properties list, Mayor Dana L. Redd today announced that an additional 39 properties located in the Cramer Hill Neighborhood will also be placed on the list. In total, 98 properties have been placed on the list this month.

“We all know the ill effects abandoned properties have in our communities,” Mayor Redd said. “My Administration is expeditiously working with all our stakeholders to properly identify properties that have been neglected for too long. By placing 39 more properties on the abandoned properties list, we are demonstrating that we want to take back our neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for all our residents.”

Within the next week or two, more properties from other City neighborhoods will be placed on the list.

Last month, Mayor Redd announced new transparent processes and procedures for the acquisition of vacant and abandoned properties. The Mayor and her Business Growth and Development Team (BGDT) established an Abandoned Property Toolkit which outlines the resources available to addressing abandoned properties in the City of Camden. The measures in the toolkit include:

- Tax foreclosure
- Accelerated tax foreclosure
- Tax sales
- Special tax sale
- Vacant property receivership
- Spot blight eminent domain
- Public purpose eminent domain
- Redevelopment plan
- RFP Targeted Neighborhood Initiative

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Residents, business owners, and community organizations seeking to include properties in the list, can submit abandoned property reporting forms to the City. Once appropriate actions are taken, properties that are deemed abandoned are processed, sent for publication. Owners are given 30 days to appeal. Once appeals are exhausted, denied, or uncontested, the property is officially on the list.

Once on the list, interested parties can apply to the BGDТ for the rehabilitation of the property. Applications must comply and be consistent with the following policy documents approved by the Planning Board and City Council:

- Master Plan
- Redevelopment Plan
- Neighborhood Plan
- Zoning Plan
- Capital Improvement Budget and Plan

“The days of pointing out the problems, offering no solutions, and working in silos are over,” Mayor Redd said. “I tasked the Business Growth and Development Team to work in partnership with our Community Based Organizations, Community Development Corporations, faith-based organizations and other partners to collectively promote grassroots development and redevelopment in our communities. Together, we will move Camden forward.”

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