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**MAYOR REDD PLACES AN ADDITIONAL 79 PROPERTIES ON CITY'S
ABANDONED PROPERTIES LIST**

CAMDEN – In just two months, after establishing a new transparent processes and procedures for the acquisition of vacant and abandoned properties, and placing a total of 98 properties in the City's abandoned properties list, Mayor Dana L. Redd today announced that an additional 79 properties located in the Liberty Park, Waterfront South, Cooper Plaza, and Bergen Square neighborhoods will be placed on the list. 177 properties have been placed on the list since May; bringing the total number to 181 on the abandoned properties list.

“Since my administration instituted new processes and procedures to place vacant properties on the abandoned properties list, we have gone from 4 to 181 properties on the official list in the span of just two months,” Mayor Redd said. “Working with our community stakeholders, my Administration will continue to aggressively add more properties to the list that have been deserted and left to deteriorate the quality of life in our neighborhoods.”

This past April, Mayor Redd 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 acquisition and 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

For more information and to view the City's Abandoned Properties List, please visit http://www.ci.camden.nj.us/a_property.html.

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