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VACANT BUILDING MONITORING PROGRAM

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IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAM

Within the City of Oroville, neglected, vacant or abandoned buildings are a major cause and source of blight in residential and non-residential neighborhoods.

When property owner(s) fails to maintain and manage the existing structures, those vacant units become a liability, nuisance and/or a potential place that could support criminal activities within the City's neighborhoods and business districts. Neglected, vacant or abandoned structures often attract children, vagrants, transients, and criminal activities that may reduce surrounding property values.

Purpose of the Program

Vacant or Abandoned Buildings are vulnerable to be set on fire by transients and others using the property illegally. The presence of neglected vacant or abandoned buildings can lead to neighborhood decline, increase an attractive public nuisance, lower property values, and discourage economic development in the area.

This program allows property owner(s) of vacant or abandoned buildings to be held responsible to maintain, secure and prevent these buildings from becoming a burden to the neighborhood and community or a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.

Reporting Unsafe Structures

Call 911 in an emergency such as a fire or when you observe criminal activity affecting the structure. Other-wise, call the Code Enforcement Department at (530)538-2498 or visit <https://www.cityoforoville.org> to file a complaint about a building with suspected structural or appearance problems. Your complaint should be as specific as possible so that we can locate and assess the building.

Upon conducting a site inspection after a complaint is filed we will contact the property owner to address issues and register with the program. If the building or a portion of the building is found to be an imminent danger to life or property, we will require the property owner to secure the structure immediately



EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTERING

It is Unlawful for any structure to be vacant for more than 30 calendar days unless one of the conditions exists:

- ◆ The structure is subject to an active building permit for repairs, and the owner is progressing diligently to complete the construction, alteration, modification, rehabilitation, or repair within the time set forth in the building permit.
- ◆ The structure including the property on which it is located does not otherwise constitute a public nuisance because the property is actively maintained and monitored means the condition of the property complies with all standards set forth in the Oroville City Code.
- ◆ The structure complies with all code, ordinances, and/or adopted by the City and does not otherwise constitute a public nuisance, is ready for use or occupancy and is actively being offered for sale, lease, or rent.

How to Register a Property

Registration is required no later than 30 calendar days of a property becoming vacant and/or abandoned or when you are notified by the Oroville Code Enforcement Department or the Development Service Department about a neglected vacant building (Ordinance #1789) Then the owner of the building shall register the structure in the Vacant Building Monitoring Program within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the notice.

A completed Vacant Building Registration application with a **\$489.72 annual registration fee is required** to register the property. The application can be downloaded at www.cityoforoville.org or picked up at 1735 Montgomery St Oroville, CA 95966 (Oroville City Hall)