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Haley – Update from the State Fire Marshal:

The State Fire Marshal has found reason to deem the property as an “unsafe building” pursuant to Section 23-9-150 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and, accordingly, will serve notice to the property owner as early as next week. The notice will include a list of repairs the Fire Marshal deems necessary to rehabilitate the property or options for demolition. As early as tomorrow, signs posted stating that the building is unsafe and its use or occupancy has been prohibited.

Holly and I plan to call the property owner tomorrow.

Background on the declaration of an Unsafe Building (23-9-150): As an unsafe building, the property is deemed to constitute a hazard to safety or health due to inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment, and the use and occupancy of the building is declared illegal, providing that the unsafe conditions shall be corrected by repair, rehabilitation, or demolition by giving notice to the owner to make repairs or improvements to be inspected and approved by the State Fire Marshal. In addition, signs will be posted at each entrance of the building stating, “The building is unsafe and its use or occupancy has been prohibited by the State Fire Marshal.” Note that the property owner does have the right to appeal this decision to an administrative law judge, but if the owner shall refuse to comply, the State Fire Marshal shall vacate and secure the structure.

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Haley – FYI re. Camden property issue:

I just spoke with City Manager Mel Pearson, and his secretary will be sending the contact information for the property owner as well as additional background information on the property to our office later today. Yesterday, the State Fire Marshal visited the property with the City Fire Chief, and after Holly gets an update from Marshal Polk, we plan to contact the property owner with our offer to help in any way that we can.

We plan to have another update to you later this afternoon or tomorrow.

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