



## HAINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Haines Borough Mayor and Assembly

RE: Building Condition and Recommendation  
Structure Report 2<sup>nd</sup> and View

Dear Mayor Hill and Assembly Members:

According to HBC 8.12, specifically 8.12.010 defining “nuisance” as “... anything that is injurious to the public health or safety, ... or dangerous to surrounding property.” The property located on 2<sup>nd</sup> and View Street in reference is an abandon building and has been such for some years. The HVFD responded to an emergency “fully involved” fire call out to the building with unknown occupancy and successfully completed suppression of the blaze which had impacted the frame of the structure from the first floor level through to the roof trussing. The extent of damage from the fire required that we immediately mark the perimeter egress with warning flagging to alert all persons of the hazardous conditions. The structure may be vulnerable to collapse under normal winter snow loads and in its current condition is not habitable and I believe a hazard endangering the safety of the public (HBC 8.12.020 “B.”).

Additionally, as stated in HBC 8.12.020 “H.”, the structure can be declared a nuisances as it is currently “... in a state of disrepair or deterioration, in a manner creating or permitting the existence of a hazardous or unsafe condition, ...” and therefore should be declared for demolition.

Finally, HBC 8.12.030 addresses the unlawfulness of keeping such a structure in this condition within the Haines Borough. It is my recommendation that the remaining structure be removed down to the foundations.

Gregory J. Palmieri  
*Fire Department Chief*  
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Cc: William Seward, Borough Manager

Attachment

**Structure at Second Avenue  
and View Street**

Attachment to 7/24/16 Fire Chief  
Report of Building Condition



