



CITY OF CLARKSBURG

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CITY MANAGER

For this evening's Council Meeting, in lieu of a Manager's Report, I would like to emphasize again the importance of the ratifying/clarification of the Building Code Official -- John Keeling. The Council adopted the Ordinance in the Fall of 2014. This re-adoption of the Building Code was to suffice the State Fire Commission as well as their legal counsel. Furthermore, legal Counsel for Fire Commission also commented, redrafted, and blessed the ordinance that was passed. Our legal team, whom included our City Attorney Greg Morgan as well as Rick Gallagher and Ryan Kennedy of Robinson & McElwee and their legal counsel, all agreed to these recommendations and changes and advised that this was the correct move to resolve any perceived issues.

What is being asked of you today are two separate issues. I am recommending my appointment of John Keeling to be ratified which will remove any type of misperception from a minority group of people. This should not be used as a political issue, but rather enable our licensed inspectors to continue to do their jobs and address the deplorable conditions of the neighborhoods.

I have had multiple meetings with Council Members to fully explain the upcoming items for vote.

I am presenting various random photos of properties that are being neglected and are hazards and nuisances within our neighborhoods and are in dire need of razing as well as examples of demolition orders based upon properly maintenance code.

In addition, I am providing a copy of the Building Code Official License (BCO) issued to a professional engineer as well as the 2 licensed Building Code Inspectors, which have an emphasis on property maintenance and master plumbing.

Lastly, we have one more current employee within Code Enforcement whom just passed the Building Code Inspector Exam and will be receiving their license from the Fire Commission, which we anticipate to be issued within the week. All employees are continuing to test to become a BCO, which is the highest license obtainable by the International Code Council.