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**EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

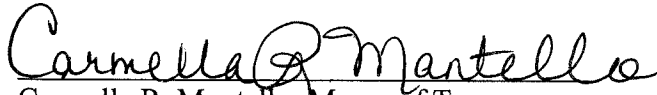
*Re: 624-630 Second Avenue, Troy, New York*

Upon being alerted to the dangerous and apparently collapsing condition of the two adjoining 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings at 624-630 Second Avenue, the City Engineer, the former City Engineer, the Commissioner of General Services, and officers of the Bureau of Code Enforcement conducted an inspection of the premises on August 22, 2025. The two buildings are unoccupied, two story, wood frame structures. They are connected by a thin partition wall that is compromised and not capable of supporting either structure. The northernmost building (the former Trader Ed's at 628-630) is marked with a Fire Department warning "X" placard on the exterior front wall. It has remained vacant since a fire damaged the premises in 2011, and the interior has greatly deteriorated. The southernmost structure (the former Hot Dog Charlie's at 624-626), is severely structurally compromised. It may have been undergoing damaging renovations that caused or exacerbated the structural failure. After inspecting the premises, the City Engineer condemned both buildings as being in danger of immediate collapse and has ordered them to be demolished. The Engineer is preparing a comprehensive report of his findings, documented with photographs.

The present condition of these buildings is a high hazard to public safety. The southernmost building is manifestly unstable and in imminent danger of sudden catastrophic collapse. The northernmost building will not survive such a collapse, nor will it survive the demolition of the southernmost building. Also, attempts at stabilization would pose an immediate and unjustifiable threat to the safety of the workers employed in the attempt. Therefore, it is necessary that both buildings be demolished and removed immediately.

In order to protect public health and safety at and around 624-630 Second Avenue, the City of Troy must take immediate action to demolish the failing structures before they collapse, potentially causing injury and damage to persons and the neighboring properties. Pursuant to § C-40 of the City Charter, I hereby declare a public emergency to mobilize all available City resources as shall be required to protect lives and property and otherwise to address the public safety concerns at 624-630 Second Avenue. The premises are unstable and in danger of imminent collapse. As such, they constitute a significant and substantial hazard to the public. The City also reserves the

right to take other actions as may be necessary and appropriate to address any public safety issues arising at 624-630 Second Avenue.

  
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