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PERKASIE BOROUGH CONDEMNS 42 S. 8TH STREET FOLLOWING EXTENDED EFFORTS TO ADDRESS SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERNS

Perkasie, PA – On September 14, 2026, Perkasie Borough determined that the building located at **42 S. 8th Street** was unsafe and unfit for human occupancy and issued a condemnation order to protect the health and safety of its residents. While the Borough was ultimately required to condemn the property to protect public safety, officials worked for weeks with Bucks County Human Services and other partner agencies to provide advance notice, housing resources, and relocation assistance to affected residents.

This action followed more than a year of inspections, complaints, coordination with outside agencies, and repeated opportunities for the property owner to correct serious code violations. The Borough recognizes the hardship this situation has created for residents and has worked extensively to provide advance notice, resources, and assistance throughout the process.

A Long Process Focused on Safety

Over the past year, Perkasie Borough received multiple complaints and concerns regarding conditions at the property from tenants, neighboring residents, first responders, and partner agencies. Reported concerns included building conditions, sanitation issues, pest infestations, fire and electrical safety concerns, and other matters affecting the health and welfare of occupants.

In response, the property was inspected on multiple occasions by Borough officials, the Building Code Official, Fire Inspector, Bucks County Human Services, and other agencies.

Those inspections identified numerous violations of the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code and the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, including:

- Deteriorated and unsafe portions of the structure
- Roof leaks and water intrusion
- Unsafe mechanical and electrical systems
- Deteriorated interior and exterior building surfaces
- Accumulations of rubbish and unsanitary conditions
- Significant insect and pest infestations

- Fire and smoke protection concerns
- Fire detection, alarm, and related safety systems that were not properly maintained or verified as operational

These conditions constituted violations of multiple provisions of the Property Maintenance Code, including Section 108, which authorizes condemnation when a structure is determined to be unsafe or unfit for human occupancy because it presents a danger to the life, health, or safety of occupants.

Condemnation Was a Last Resort

The Borough wants residents and the public to understand that condemnation was not the first step taken. The property underwent inspections in June 2025, November 2025, May 2026, and September 2026. Following these inspections, the property owner was notified of the violations and given multiple opportunities to correct them.

In May 2026, the owner received a final notice identifying the violations and was provided time to complete the required repairs. Over the following months, the Borough continued to communicate with the owner, requested documentation demonstrating corrective actions, and granted additional time to achieve compliance.

By August 2026, the Borough had not received sufficient information demonstrating that the required corrections had been completed. As a result, a **Notice to Vacate** was issued on August 15, 2026, providing residents with advance warning that they could be required to relocate if dangerous conditions remained uncorrected. Even after the Notice to Vacate was issued, the Borough continued to allow additional time for compliance efforts and relocation planning.

A final inspection conducted on September 14, 2026, confirmed that significant health, fire, structural, and sanitation concerns remained. Based on those findings, the building was officially declared unsafe and unfit for occupancy.

Supporting Residents Through the Transition

Perkasie Borough understands that being required to leave one's home is difficult and disruptive. For that reason, the Borough worked proactively with county agencies and community partners to ensure residents received notice, assistance, and access to available resources.

Residents were:

- Notified in advance through the August 15, 2026 Notice to Vacate
- Given additional time beyond the September 14 condemnation date to secure alternative housing, with occupancy permitted through September 21, 2026
- Provided information regarding housing assistance and available support services
- Connected with Bucks County Human Services and the Bucks County Housing Link (HUB) for assistance and resource coordination

Throughout the process, the Borough worked closely with the Building Code Official, Fire Inspector, Perkasie Borough Police Department, Bucks County Human Services, and other partner agencies to ensure the process was conducted safely, respectfully, and with support available to affected residents.

What Happens Next

The building may not be reoccupied until the property owner fully corrects the violations, completes all required repairs, obtains the necessary permits and approvals, and the structure passes all required inspections demonstrating that it is safe for occupancy.

Borough Statement

"Our foremost responsibility is protecting the health and safety of residents," said Borough officials. "This was not a decision made lightly. Over the course of more than a year, the Borough worked with the property owner, conducted multiple inspections, provided opportunities and extensions for corrections, and coordinated assistance for residents. While we recognize the hardship caused by this situation, allowing people to continue living in a building determined to be unsafe would have been irresponsible. Our focus remains on supporting impacted residents while ensuring the health and safety of the community."

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