

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE**  
2 **JANUARY 5, 2016**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Special Session in the Council  
5 Chambers on January 5, 2016 at 6:05 pm.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

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9 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called the roll and the following Councilpersons were  
10 in attendance: Vice Mayor DeWitt, David Haynes, Paul Haynes, Hendershot,  
11 Simms, Wood, and Mayor Saunders. Also present were City Manager Hess,  
12 Building Inspector Richmond, Attorney White, and Acting Clerk Ankrom.

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14 **Consider an Appeal of the Vacant Building Registration Code Violation for**  
15 **Property Located at 105 Hickory Avenue Owned by Arthur Oakland Jr &**  
16 **David Oakland**

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18 Arthur Oakland Jr of 1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street explained that he and his brother have  
19 owned the property at 105 Hickory Avenue for several years. Both gentlemen  
20 work in construction and feel they have made significant strides inside and  
21 outside of the house.

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23 David E Oakland of 113 Tomlinson Avenue stated that he and his brother  
24 purchased the Hickory Avenue home as a long-term investment project. They  
25 want to be selective about who they rent to, and they have not taken any  
26 "short cuts" in the remodeling process. Mr. Oakland stated that an additional  
27 six months would be a great help!

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29 The Oaklands purchased the Hickory Avenue property before the Vacant  
30 Building Registration Ordinance was enacted, and, they did not plan to rush

1 through the renovations.

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3 Inspector Richmond provided to Council copies of pictures of the inside and  
4 outside of the property and confirmation of payment of the 2013 and 2014  
5 Vacant Building Registration Fees. Inspector Richmond noted that American  
6 Electric Power's delay in connecting electric service is not the fault of the  
7 owners, as all electrical work is adequate.

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9 Councilman David Haynes made a motion to grant Arthur and David Oakland,  
10 owners of 105 Hickory Avenue, a six-month extension. Councilman Wood  
11 seconded the motion. Mayor Saunders called for a roll call vote, and Acting  
12 Clerk Ankrom announced the following tally: 7 yeas. Motion carried  
13 unanimously.

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15 Councilman Simms asked about established criteria in granting extensions in  
16 these cases. Attorney White explained that it is up to City Council to make  
17 decisions on a case-by-case basis.

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19 Vice Mayor DeWitt is of the opinion that this residence should be inhabitable in  
20 six months. Councilman Hendershot agreed, stating that the ordinance was  
21 drafted to motivate property owners to renovate their properties and not just  
22 let them sit in a state of neglect.

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24 Mayor Saunders adjourned the Special Hearing at 6:16 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

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Eugene Saunders, Mayor