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Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully docket this item to your Honorable Council requesting the transfer of \$220,000 in salary savings from 0160110-511001, Main Library – Full Time Salaries, to 01C22002-524130, Building Demolition/Other Repairs in Inspectional Services for the emergency demolition of the residential structure located at 91 Newtonville Avenue.

In the professional opinion of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, the Newton Fire Department, and the Public Buildings Department, this structure represents an imminent public safety hazard, and as such it must be demolished as soon as possible. The structure is not safe to enter so it is not possible to assess whether it contains hazardous materials. Therefore, it will be demolished with the assumption that the structure contains hazardous materials with all appropriate precautions made in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection. Pest control services have already been secured, and will continue prior to, during, and upon completion of the demolition.

Under state law, the Commissioner of Inspectional Services has the authority to demolish unsafe structures and place a lien on the property for the costs and charges of the demolition. This cost of the demolition will be recoverable by the City, along with a substantial backlog of unpaid taxes, upon the sale of the property or a tax foreclosure by the City.

Please see the attached memo and photos from Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor



**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
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June 2nd, 2022

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor  
Newton City Hall  
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Re: 91 Newtonville Avenue

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests \$219,775.00 for the demolition of the residential structure located at 91 Newtonville Avenue. In the professional opinion of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, the Newton Fire Department, and the Public Buildings Department, this structure represents an imminent public safety hazard, and as such it must be demolished as soon as possible.

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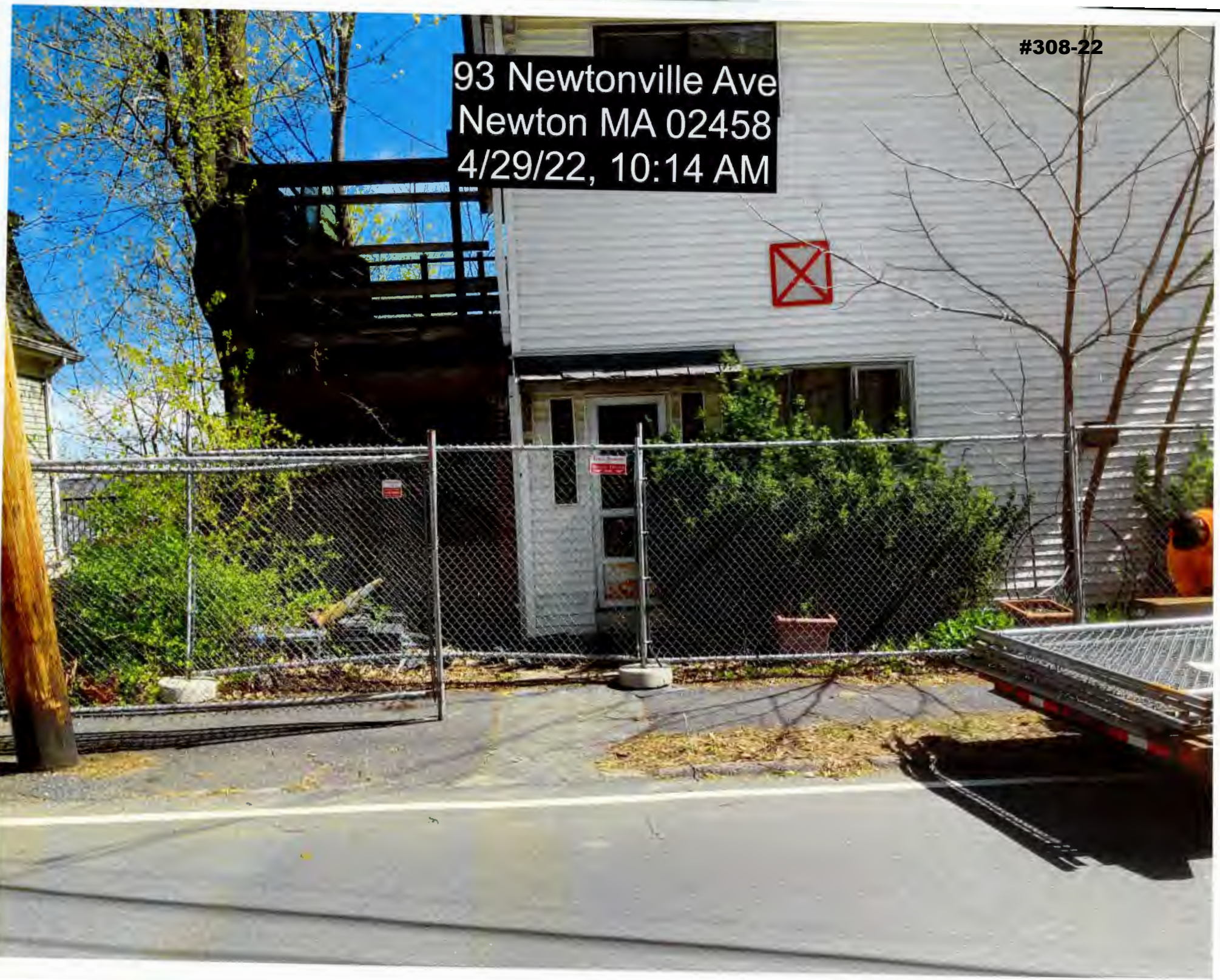
Sincerely,

Josh Morse  
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer  
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer  
John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services  
Alissa O. Giuliani, City Solicitor

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Newton MA 02458  
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