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Amherst County Successfully Abates Public Nuisance at Two Madison Heights Properties

The Amherst County Department of Community Development, in coordination with the Amherst County Sheriff's Office and Public Works Department, has successfully addressed longstanding public nuisance conditions at two properties located at 424 Main Street and 102 4th Street. Both sites are now in compliance with local and state building and maintenance codes. Additionally, a binding agreement for compliance was reached with another undisclosed property in the neighborhood.

The abatement began on April 8, 2025, following thorough inspections where both properties were found to be in violation of multiple provisions of the Virginia Maintenance Code (VMC). Violations included unsafe structural conditions, deteriorated exterior walls, and unsafe accessory structures such as stairs and decks. Additional violations at 102 4th Street included an unmaintained swimming pool, structural failures, and other hazardous conditions.

In accordance with Amherst County Code Section 4-119 and the Virginia Code §§ 15.2-900 and 15.2-907, the property owners received formal Notices to Abate Public Nuisance and were instructed to resolve the violations by May 12, 2025. Both owners responded to the County's directives by obtaining permits, demolishing the unsafe structures, and leaving the sites clean, secure, and in compliance with relevant regulations.

*"This is a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our neighborhoods," said **Nate Young**, Building Official for Amherst County. "We appreciate the cooperation of the property owners and the support of our Sheriff's Office and Public Works team in restoring these sites to a safe condition."*

The County will continue monitoring the properties to ensure long-term compliance, and thanks the community for its engagement and support throughout the process.

For additional information or to report a suspected nuisance, please contact the Amherst County Building Safety and Inspections Division at (434) 946-9302.

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