



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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### **County Agrees to Property Rehabilitation Plan**

On September 3, 2018, the County of Amherst sent a notice to the owners of the Scottish Inn at 4512 South Amherst Highway, Madison Heights, Virginia. The notice informed the owners of the preliminary determination that the property constituted spot blight. The notice was a result of a detailed investigation that took place in the summer of 2019.

Multiple reasons were cited for this determination including; failure to pass property maintenance inspections, significant Health Code violations, and violating the county Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, the Sheriff and Amherst County Fire/EMS have received over one hundred calls at the property in the past year.

On November 5, 2019, the Board of Supervisors agreed to a Rehabilitation Plan for the property. The property owners have agreed to give all current guests notice to vacate and that no new guests will be permitted at the location. The property will then be secured to prevent trespassers. The owners will have forty-five days to turn in their business license and health department license to operate the business. They will then have two-hundred-ten days to obtain a demolition permit. Once a demolition permit is secured, the owners will have sixty days to demolish the structure on the property.

County Building Inspector, Nathan Young has been working with the property owners and other county agencies to create a rehabilitation plan that benefits county residence. "Today's agreement is a product of months of cooperation between the owners and multiple county agencies working together toward the health, safety, and welfare of Amherst County," says Mr. Young.

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