

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO COORDINATE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY SOLICITOR TO ESTABLISH A CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP WHICH SHALL ADDRESS NUISANCE PROPERTIES OR ACTIVITIES THEREON THAT ARE A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY, INCLUDING THOSE PROPERTIES WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMISSION OF VIOLENT CRIME; AND WHICH SHALL DEVELOP LEGISLATION BY JANUARY 18, 2021, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL, WHICH SHALL ADDRESS ANY GAPS IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES NEEDED TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS NUISANCE PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS, aggravated assaults and homicides have increased year over year within the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, many of these violent crimes have consistently occurred within or near specific nuisance properties; and

WHEREAS, several operating departments that report to the Chief Operating Officer have responsibilities and authorities related to monitoring and enforcement, including the Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of City Planning; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney provides legal advice and support on these matters, including the relevant existing authorities and the initiation and defense of civil actions; and

WHEREAS, the City Solicitor prosecutes City Code violations related to these matters in the Municipal Court of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, for nuisance properties and the pernicious negative effects resulting therefrom to be appropriately addressed, coordination across all of these departments and offices is necessary; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, I am hereby directing the Chief Operating Officer to coordinate with the City Attorney and the City Solicitor to establish a cross-departmental working group which shall meet bi-weekly through June 30, 2021, which shall facilitate the appropriate coordination necessary to properly address nuisance properties and the pernicious negative effects resulting therefrom; and

WHEREAS, this cross-departmental working group shall also recommend legislation to be submitted to the Atlanta City Council to address any gaps in the existing administrative authorities to ensure nuisance properties are addressed in a timely and effective manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered that:

SECTION 1: The Chief Operating Officer shall coordinate with the City Attorney and City Solicitor to establish a cross-departmental working group to address nuisance properties or activities thereon that are a threat to the public health, welfare and safety, including those properties which may contribute to the commission of violent crime.

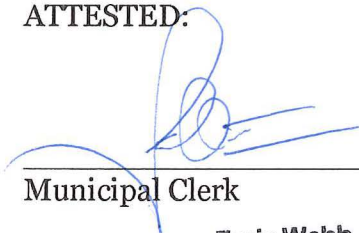
SECTION 2: This cross-departmental working group shall develop legislation by January 18, 2021, to be submitted to the Atlanta City Council and which shall address any gaps in administrative authorities needed to effectively address nuisance properties.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of December, 2020.



Keisha Lance Bottoms
Mayor

ATTESTED:



Municipal Clerk

Foris Webb, III
Municipal Clerk