



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Virtual Community Hall-Dangerous Structures & Premises Agenda

July 24, 2024 at 5:15 PM

Online/Virtual

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

For residents who want to participate telephonically call: **1-800-315-6338**; access code:
49401#

- I. **Staff Introductions**
- II. **Presentation(s)**
 - a) **Dangerous Structures and Premises Powerpoint Presentation**
- III. **Discussion / Q&A**
- IV. **Adjournment**



City of Kotzebue Community Hall Wednesday July 24th 5:15pm

Location: Kotzebue Youth Center
Call in: 800-315-6338 **Access Code:** 49401#

The City of Kotzebue is committed to the health and well-being of our residents. Please join us to discuss what Dangerous Structures and Premises are and how the City is involved.

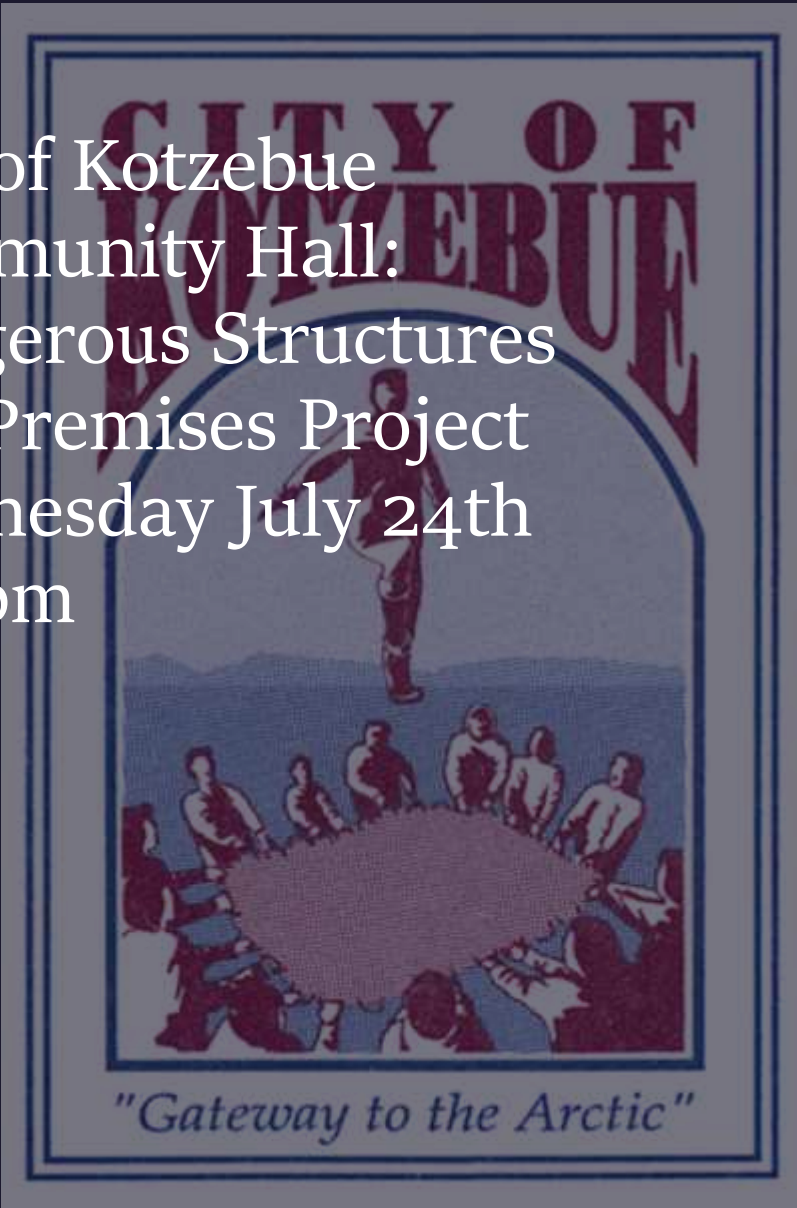
For more information contact the
Planning Department at (907)442-5203
(907)442-5210 or email
customerservice@kotzebue.org

Section I, Item a)

Subject: Dangerous Structures and Premises



City of Kotzebue
Community Hall:
Dangerous Structures
and Premises Project
Wednesday July 24th
5:15pm




Current Status of Project

At this time, the City has only taken action
with ONE dangerous structure.




Background

 Kotzebue Municipal Code (KMC) Chapter 15.04 Dangerous Structures and Premises sets forth the rules and regulations for identifying, assessing, and mitigating dangerous structures and premises.

 The City Council of the City of Kotzebue gave direction to City Administration in the winter of 2024 to create a plan to deal with dangerous structures and premises within the City.

 Maintenance and upkeep of privately owned structures and properties are the responsibility of the owner.

 Whereas, local governments are primarily responsible for public property and infrastructure.

 However, if a resident's structure or property falls into a state that becomes an issue for the public, local government may be forced to act to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its residents.

Purpose

Identify, assess, and create mitigation plans for dangerous structures and premises within the City of Kotzebue to ensure the health and well-being of residents.

This will be on a case-by-case basis.



What is considered a “dangerous” structure or premises?

- Any structure or premises that can be classified under one of the following definitions:
 - Fire Hazard- any building or structure that is especially liable to fire, or which building or structure is so situated or occupied as to endanger any other building or property or human life.
 - Health hazard- means and includes any building or structure which shall be kept or maintained or shall be in a filthy or unsanitary condition.
 - Public nuisance- means any building or structure whose condition has been allowed by the owner to deteriorate to a point where it affects the rights enjoyed by citizens of the city, to which rights every citizen is entitled, namely the safety of life, limb and property.



Any appropriate city official or qualified inspector can deem a structure or premises as “dangerous”:

Fire Chief

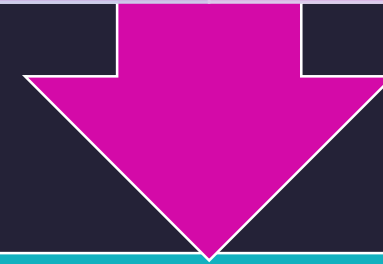
Police Chief

State Fire Marshal

Public Works Director

Building Inspector

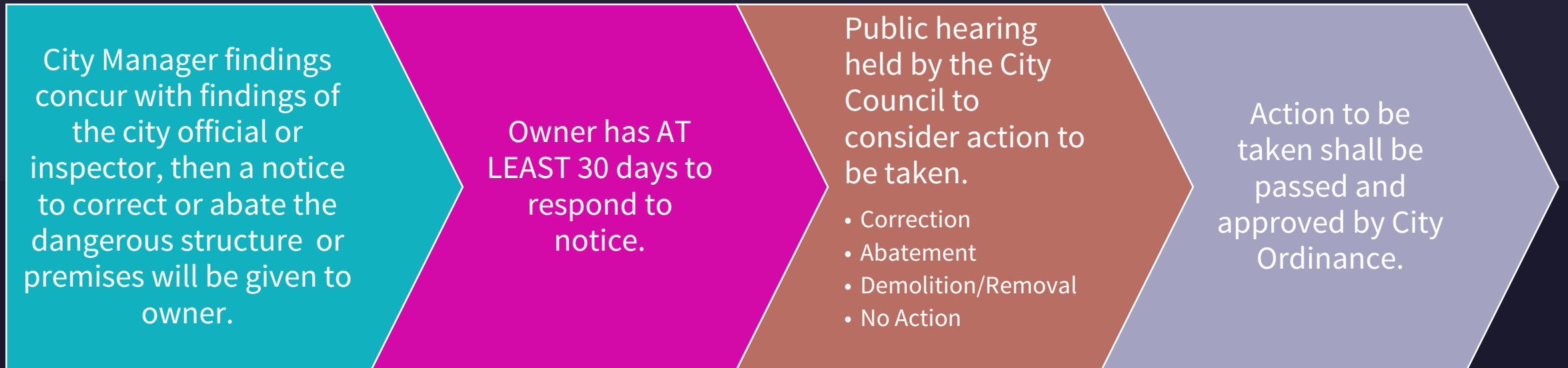
Planning Director



The findings of the city official or inspector are then given to the City Manager for further review.

Identification & Assessment

Notice and Public Hearing



Action



Owner of dangerous structure or premises will be given at least 30 days to comply with city ordinance or bring case to an appeals court.



If the compliance period passes, and the owner has not complied with City Ordinance, the City may then take actions necessary to remove the dangerous structure(s) or condition of premises at cost to the owner.

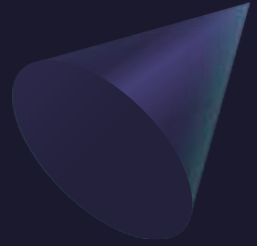
What to expect next?

- This project is NOT going to happen overnight.
- The City is compiling a list of potentially Dangerous Structures and Premises
- These sites will be dealt with 2-3 at a time starting with more severe cases.
- If you do own a structure or property that could be considered dangerous, you may receive a notice, this is only a warning.



What should I do if I'm worried about my structure or property is dangerous?

Secure	Make sure that the structure or premises is properly secured.
Call an Inspector	Call an inspector to inspect your building or premises and advise you on building safety.
Review KMC	Review Kotzebue Municipal Code 15.04 Dangerous Structures and Premises https://library.municode.com/ak/kotzebue/codes/code_of_ordinances
Contact local Government	Contact the Planning Department at (907)442-5203 satkinson@kotzebue.org or (907)442-5210 gbelamour@kotzebue.org



Questions??

