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City Declares McMynn Tower a Nuisance Property Following Repeated Police Calls

RACINE, WI — The City of Racine has formally declared McMynn Tower, 110 7th Street, a nuisance property after repeated police responses to the site over the past several years. The declaration was issued by Police Chief Alexander Ramirez following an extensive review of calls for service and ongoing public safety concerns.

Since the beginning of 2022, the Racine Police Department has been called to McMynn Tower over 800 times – the highest number of public safety responses to any single property in the city. These calls have involved a range of disturbances and criminal incidents, placing significant strain on public safety resources and affecting the quality of life for both residents of the building and nearby neighbors.

“When conditions at a property compromise residents’ well-being or public safety, the City of Racine has both the authority and the responsibility to act to restore safe living conditions and protect the surrounding community,” stated Mayor Cory Mason.

“Our officers have responded to this building hundreds of times,” said Chief Ramirez. “A nuisance abatement plan was previously implemented, and initial efforts demonstrated a reduction in calls for service. However, police responses have since increased, indicating the need for renewed management involvement.”

City officials recently met with Meridian Group representatives to establish accountability measures, ensure regular communication, and manage additional components of the plan with the goal of achieving a sustained reduction in police calls and restoring order for the residents.

Under the City’s nuisance property ordinance, the building’s management now has 10 days to submit an abatement plan detailing specific steps they will take to reduce criminal activity, improve safety, and prevent future violations.

If management fails to submit or implement an acceptable abatement plan within the required timeframe, the City may pursue additional enforcement actions, including legal or financial penalties. The Racine Police Department and City staff will continue to monitor conditions to ensure that progress is made and residents’ safety remains the top priority.

About Nuisance Property Declarations

Under City of Racine Ordinance Section 66-1003(b), a property may be declared a nuisance when it generates an excessive number of police responses within a 60-day period for public nuisance activities.

When such activity is deemed a nuisance, the City issues a formal nuisance notice requiring the property owner or manager to submit a written abatement plan within a specified timeframe. Continued violations can result in citations, financial penalties, or other enforcement actions under Ordinance Section 66-1003(f).

With more than 800 police calls since 2022, McMynn Tower has consistently required a disproportionate number of resources from the police department to address nuisance activities, prompting the City's formal designation and required corrective action.

About McMynn Tower

McMynn Tower is a HUD Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly property managed by Meridian Group, Inc., a private property management firm that oversees federally subsidized senior housing across Wisconsin. The Section 202 program provides affordable housing for very low-income seniors and supports independent living through rent assistance and access to supportive services.

Although McMynn Tower is federally subsidized, it remains fully subject to all local building, safety, and nuisance codes. The HUD contract provides federal oversight of funding and eligibility, while the City retains enforcement authority for local code compliance and public safety.

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Racine, Wisconsin, is a thriving city located on Lake Michigan with a rich history and diverse population of about 78,000. Known for its historic downtown, award-winning architecture, top freshwater beach, strong community, and notable contributions to history and innovation, Racine is a wonderful place to live, work, and explore. From its progressive history as part of the Underground Railroad to its status as the Kringle Capital of America, there's always something new to discover in Racine.