ORDINANCE NO. <u>97-22</u>

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE OWNERS OF A CERTAIN DILAPIDATED AND SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES TO DEMOLISH SAME, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO CAUSE THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH STRUCTURE TO OCCUR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, that:

SECTION 1: It is hereby determined by the Board of Directors that the hereinafter described tracts of real property, and the improvements located there, are dilapidated, unsafe and otherwise detrimental to the public health and constitute structural, fire and health hazards:

Street Address:

1922 Pryor Ave - Lot 1 & 2 Block 20, Birnie Addition

Street Address:

723 S 18th St – Lot 6 Block 102, Fitzgerald Addition

SECTION 2: The owners of the tracts of real property described in Section 1 are hereby ordered to remove or raze the improvements located on the said tract of property and to remedy the unsightly and unsanitary conditions otherwise located on said tract of real property within thirty (30) days from the date of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: With reference to any tract identified in Section 1 as to which compliance with the direction of Section 2 has not occurred within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of passage of this ordinance, the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract, based on the bid(s) accepted on the date of this action or at a later date, for the removal or razing of the described improvements on the tract of real property.

SECTION 4: The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable to the extent that a decision by any court of competent jurisdiction determining that any portion of this ordinance or any application thereof is unconstitutional, invalid or otherwise illegal shall not affect the constitutionality, validity or legality of the other provisions and/or applications of the ordinance.

SECTION 5: Emergency Clause. It is hereby found and declared by the Board of Directors that the dilapidated, unsanitary condition of the tracts of real property and improvements described herein constitute an immediate menace to the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City so that an emergency is hereby declared and that this ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its passage.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

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