Town Demolishes Burned Out House in Coram

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"Fast Track" law allows Town to move quickly to remove dangerous eyesore

Farmingville, NY - On July 16, the Town of Brookhaven demolished a burned out house located at 21 Erda Drive in Coram. The house sustained extensive damage during a fire in April of this year and the owner was issued a summons for property maintenance violations from the Town in May. The house was demolished in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code, which after due process, allows the Town to demolish unsafe structures. The code provides a "fast track" for the Town to rid neighborhoods of dangerous eyesores to protect the health and safety of residents.

"Structures like this quickly become attractive nuisances that bring down property values and threaten the quality of life in the neighborhood," said Supervisor Ed Romaine, "I commend the Town's Building and Law departments for moving so quickly to have this house demolished and the property cleaned up."

The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner. The Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and they collect the money from the property owner.

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