

January 6, 2021

Sent via FedEx overnight delivery
(property owner)
(address)

Re: (property address)

Dear _____

As you probably learned days ago, your property at _____ Second Avenue North in downtown Nashville was damaged in a bomb blast on the morning of December 25, 2020. Your building, and all of Second Avenue, are a cherished part of the history and fabric of the city. Though we expect Second Avenue to make a full recovery in the coming years, the loss you have suffered has affected the entire city deeply. We are committed to working with you to restore one of Nashville's most distinct and vibrant neighborhoods.

We hope to turn to that restoration work soon, but the most urgent issues at the moment concern safety. An engineering firm engaged by the Metropolitan Government produced the attached safety survey of the area affected by the blast. The report notes that many of the properties, including yours, appear to have suffered serious structural damage and recommends that each such property be thoroughly evaluated by a licensed structural engineer. The severity of the damage and the likelihood that a building collapse could threaten the integrity of nearby properties and the safety of first responders and others working in the area require that you immediately undertake this evaluation and the work necessary to prevent further damage.

Accordingly, by January 11, 2021, you must engage a licensed structural engineer to perform the evaluation, and by January 18, 2021, your engineer must provide a report for our review and approval detailing the structural condition of your building and a reasonable plan for its prompt stabilization. After safety concerns have been addressed, we will look forward to assisting as you develop and seek approval of plans for subsequent work.

Changing conditions or new information may make it necessary for the Metropolitan Government to take immediate action affecting your building in order to protect public health and safety. In that event, the Metropolitan Government reserves the right to act without further notice and seek to recover its costs as appropriate.

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Sincerely,

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