

Blighted Properties

(1) Definition of “blighted structure” in context of state or local law.

Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 99.705 Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) “Blighted” or “deteriorated” property means any vacant structure or vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground in a predominantly built-up neighborhood:

(a) Which because of physical condition or use is regarded as a public nuisance at common law or has been declared a public nuisance in accordance with a city of any class, or in counties containing a city of the first class or consolidated local government, with the housing, building, plumbing, fire, or related codes;

(b) Which because of physical condition, use, or occupancy is considered an attractive nuisance to children, including but not limited to abandoned wells, shafts, basements, excavations, and unsafe fences or structures;

(c) Which because it is dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, vermin-infested, or lacking in the facilities and equipment required by the housing code of a city or county containing a city of the first class or consolidated local government, has been designated by the department responsible for enforcement of the code as unfit for human habitation;

(d) Which is a fire hazard, or is otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons or property;

(e) From which the utilities, plumbing, heating, sewerage, or other facilities have been disconnected, destroyed, removed, or rendered ineffective so that the property is unfit for its intended use;

(f) Which by reason of neglect or lack of maintenance has become a place for accumulation of trash and debris, or a haven for rodents or other vermin; or

(g) Which has been tax delinquent for a period of at least three (3) years; or (h) which has not been rehabilitated within the time constraints placed upon the owner by the appropriate code enforcement agency.