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- (1) The building in question must be one which is apparently in such a condition of non-repair as to be no longer fit for occupation, or which is a public disfigurement.
- (2) The Committee on Works may direct the Building Inspector to make a report on any such building.

OR

The Building Inspector may without such direction make a report.

- (3) If the Inspector reports that, in his opinion:  
(a) the building is in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for habitation or business purposes;

OR

(b) That the building in the present condition is a public disfigurement.

The Committee may fix a time and place for the consideration of the report and give the owner at least ten days notice of the hearing and supply him with a copy of the Inspectors report. The owner or his agent may then appear and be heard.

- (4) Subsection 3 provides for giving notice where the address of the owner is not in the City or is unknown. This notice is at least two weeks.
- (5) Upon consideration of the report of the Inspector (and hearing the owner if he appears) the committee may make an order that the owner shall, within one month from the date of the order, remove or destroy the building.
- (6) A copy of such order shall be served upon the owner or his agent if a resident of the City or mailed to him if not so a resident and his address is known. If not known a copy of the order is to be published by one insertion in a newspaper published in the City.
- (7) If the owner or agent fails to remove the building within one month after the order has been made, the inspector may cause it to be removed or destroyed and the net cost, after salvage, becomes a lien on the property and collected with the taxes.
- (8) In addition a penalty of \$50.00 per day for each day the owner or agent fails to comply with the order, may be imposed. This I think means - for each day after the expiration of the month.

It would seem to me that consideration might well be given to amending subsections (4) and (6) of this section which provide a limit of one month for the removal of the building. It might be advisable to require the building to be removed "within such time as the Committee may, in the order prescribe", or words to that effect.

As to subsection (6), the right of the inspector to remove the building could well arise "upon the expiration of the time prescribed in the order for the removal or destruction of the building".