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**MAYOR REDD PLACES AN ADDITIONAL 39 PROPERTIES ON CITY'S
ABANDONED PROPERTIES LIST**

CAMDEN – Mayor Dana L. Redd today announced that an additional 39 properties located in the Parkside, Fairview, and Morgan Village neighborhoods will be placed on the City's abandoned properties list. Just last week, the Mayor added 79 properties to the list. 216 properties have been placed on the list since May. In total, there are 220 properties on the City's abandoned properties list.

“As a life-long Camden resident, I want to see all our neighborhoods flourish and prosper,” Mayor Redd said. “With the new processes in place, my Administration has been able to quickly place vacant and blighted eyesores on the City's official abandoned properties list. These actions allow the properties to be ready for acquisition and rehabilitation.”

This past April, Mayor Redd established new transparent processes and procedures for the acquisition of vacant and abandoned properties. The Mayor and her Business Growth and Development Team (BGDT) established an Abandoned Property Toolkit which outlines the resources available to addressing abandoned properties in the City of Camden. The measures in the toolkit include:

- Tax foreclosure
- Accelerated tax foreclosure
- Tax sales
- Special tax sale
- Vacant property receivership
- Spot blight eminent domain
- Public purpose eminent domain
- Redevelopment plan
- RFP Targeted Neighborhood Initiative

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Residents, business owners, and community organizations seeking to include properties in the list, can submit abandoned property reporting forms to the City. Once appropriate actions are taken, properties that are deemed abandoned are processed and sent for publication. Owners are given 30 days to appeal. Once appeals are exhausted, denied, or uncontested, the property is officially on the list.

Once on the list, interested parties can apply to the BGDТ for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the property. Applications must comply and be consistent with the following policy documents approved by the Planning Board and City Council:

- Master Plan
- Redevelopment Plan
- Neighborhood Plan
- Zoning Plan
- Capital Improvement Budget and Plan

For more information and to view the City's Abandoned Properties List, please visit http://www.ci.camden.nj.us/a_property.html.

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