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Red Tag of Hill Avenue Property

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GALLUP, NM (July 27, 2023) – On July 26, 2023, the City of Gallup red tagged a property located on Hill Avenue in response to numerous complaints and demands from tenants and neighbors regarding health and safety conditions. Upon inspection, the property was found to be unfit for human occupancy.

A red tag is placed on a structure when it has been determined that the structure is not up to code and is unsafe to occupy. In this case, the inspection showed that, among other things, the property was insect infested throughout, had damaged windows and doors, ceilings with leaks and growing mold, walls with holes, cracks, and growing mold, damaged and blood-stained flooring and carpet throughout, graffiti on all interior surfaces, unstable stairs in the common areas, damaged plumbing and light fixtures, and multiple fire code violations. The property is not fit for human habitation and is dangerous both to those who occupy it and the surrounding community.

The City is required to enforce its laws and codes. The City strives to make its communities clean and safe, and to address community concerns. In this case, the law is being enforced and actions are being taken to assist individuals, and to protect them and their community from being victimized.

Although the red tagging of this property will prevent residents from occupying the building while its problems are being addressed, the City will do what it reasonably can to assure that no individual or family will be without a place to live. City staff have been and are on site to render such assistance, and will continue to do so until alternative living arrangements have been made available to all tenants.