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Minimum Standards for Securing Abandoned or Damaged Buildings

Purpose: The purpose of this form is to provide minimum standards for securing abandoned or damaged buildings.

The following requirements shall be followed when securing a building by boarding the doors and windows (see diagram on following page):

Windows:

- a. Structural wood panels shall be cut to fit the window opening neatly or shall be cut to provide an equal overlap at the perimeter of the window.
- b. Windows shall be opened to allow a carriage bolt to pass through the window or the window glazing shall be removed and stored. The 2 inch by 4 inch boarding framing material shall be cut 8 inches wider than the window opening and shall be placed on the inside of the window opening approximately 6 inches from the top and bottom of the window opening. The framing and boarding shall be installed and secured.
- c. Vent holes shall be cut into the structural wood panels and screened.

Doors:

- a. Structural wood panels shall be cut to fit the door neatly or shall be cut to provide an equal overlap at the perimeter of the door.
- b. The entry door structural wood panel shall be fitted to the door casing with a minimum 1/8 inch clearance on all sides. The structural wood panel shall be double hinged from the inside with a hasp and padlock for securing. The installation shall be such that all exposed bolts cannot be removed. The installation shall be non-interfering with the building door and should open and close freely from other obstructions.

Any floors above the first story that are rendered inaccessible need not be secured. All work shall be done in a neat and workman like fashion.

Boarding Materials:

- Sheet material shall be 1/2 inch nominal structural wood panels (plywood) except that one entry door into the building shall be provided with a 3/4 inch nominal structural wood panel.
- Framing material shall be nominal 2 inch by 4 inch solid sawn lumber.
- Fasteners shall be a 3/8 inch diameter carriage or lag bolts of such a length as required to penetrate the assembly to appropriately secure the wood panel.
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