

Wilmington, Delaware
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**Council
Member
Oliver**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan prioritizes a “Stabilized Wilmington.” The City’s East Side neighborhood has undergone extensive revitalizations in the past five years; and

WHEREAS, there is an excess of 1,700 properties in the East Side neighborhood, with more than half the structures being built at least one century ago. As residential development continues, it is necessary and appropriate to mitigate potential disruptions to existing and incoming residents, including, but not limited to, pest control measures and access to adequate parking after the demolition is completed; and

WHEREAS, the parcel at 934 North Lombard Street is currently undergoing demolition after being vacant for several years. Residents in the surrounding area have reported increased sightings of rodents since activity has increased around the site; and

WHEREAS, during the demolition of the Bancroft Middle School structure, which is also located in the East Side neighborhood. The pre-baiting of the building and sewers by Wills Affordable Pest Service, LLC reduced rodent complaints over the duration of the project; and

WHEREAS, the 934 North Lombard site and several nearby parcels have been redeveloped to increase access to housing in the East Side neighborhood. The current changes to the use of this property afford an opportunity to convert the site into a parking lot to meet the increased demand of motorists living in this population-dense area following the demolition of the existing structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body strongly encourages the Administration to develop

a plan and the appropriate protocols to address pest control concerns related to the demolition of this longstanding vacant property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative body requests that the Administration continue the plans discussed by Mayor Michael Purzycki's Administration to convert 934 North Lombard into a parking lot, following the demolition of the current structure to accommodate the influx of new residents in the East Side neighborhood.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: The Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan prioritizes a “Stabilized Wilmington.” This Resolution requests that the Administration coordinate with the contractors undertaking the demolition at 934 North Lombard to ensure that there are appropriate protocols to address pest control concerns related to the demolition of this longstanding vacant property. This Resolution further requests that the Administration continue the plans discussed by Mayor Michael Purzycki's Administration to convert 934 North Lombard into a parking lot, following the demolition of the current structure to accommodate the influx of new residents in the East Side neighborhood.