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New Ordinance Requires Removal of Lizzio Center Drive Structure

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance during its September 13, 2023, public hearing that <u>requires the owner of an unfinished building located at 25450 Lizzio</u> Center Drive to remove the structure. If the owner does not remove the structure after reasonable notice of being required to do so, the county will proceed with removal at the owner's expense.

A site plan was approved on June 24, 2008, permitting a 243-room hotel at the location, which is near the Eastgate community along Route 50. Construction began that year and stopped in 2009, leaving an incomplete structure that has since deteriorated. Ownership of the property has changed; however, it has continued to attract individuals, including minors, as a gathering place and has become a safety concern for nearby neighbors as well as county staff.

"The unfinished hotel site on Route 50 has been a source of frustration and concern for Dulles District residents for well over a decade," said Dulles District Supervisor Matt Letourneau. "In addition to being unsightly, it attracts individuals participating in unsafe behaviors and poses a safety risk for the community and for first responders. Despite my many attempts over the years, the site has not been redeveloped and the structure remains. I am pleased that the Board of Supervisors has now taken this action to ensure that the structure will be taken down."

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has responded to three incidents in recent years, including an injured juvenile in July 2017 who required an assisted rescue.

During Tuesday's public hearing, the Board found that the structure might endanger the public health or safety of other residents. This finding was based on the potential for injury to occur at or in the structure as it remains vacant and unmonitored, with a fence that is easily susceptible to entry.