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## ABSTRACT

Empty deteriorated housing is a problem in Cairo, Illinois. This report examines factors contributing to housing vacancy and decline in Cairo and describes and discusses a code enforcement and demolition program carried out by the City of Cairo from June 1995 to April 30, 1996 to address the problem.

Part One of the report briefly reviews housing literature to identify factors related to housing abandonment—loss of population, aging housing stock, poverty, tax