



City of Bluff City  
Mayor Percy J. Brown

## Office of the Mayor

City Hall / 100 Broad Avenue  
Bluff City

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Dear Bluff City Citizens:

No doubt many of you read the recent Bluff City Squealer article describing the squalid conditions within the old Johnson Brothers Grain Silo & Warehouse building located in the heart of downtown. I witnessed the carnage inside the building firsthand and the conditions truly are deplorable. Even local vagrants wouldn't squat in the building, according to a recent survey of the city's homeless. Therefore, I fully support the Bluff City Building Inspection Division decision to condemn the building and I believe this is the next step in the redevelopment of downtown (after the new parking lots built on the burned out lots from that unfortunate Red, White, & Bang incident).

Incidentally, the city's Maintenance Operations and Building Inspection Divisions have been housed in the Johnson Brothers Building for the last twenty-five years. I'm sure it was with great pain that the Building Inspection Division condemned their historic workplace.

As a result of the Johnson Brothers Building condemnation, we are forced to co-locate an additional thirty-two people to city hall. We hired a consultant to perform a space study to accurately determine just how much space an average city worker requires. It turns out our people need less space than the average private sector worker. The space study results mean that each person will be allotted a total of 2.7 cubic feet of space within city hall. To facilitate these space requirements, incoming workers will be co-located with existing city hall workers in their offices and/or cubicles. This move will also require every three people to share one computer.

The space study consultant, Gordon's Space Study Consulting, cost Bluff City \$74,000, but I believe it was an excellent investment in the health and safety of our employees. My goal is to insure that each worker has adequate space, light, and oxygen to make their workday as productive as possible. We only have a fixed amount of space at city hall, so we have to make the people fit the space. With everyone's cooperation, we can make this work.

And, remember, with the demolition of the Johnson Brothers Grain Silo & Warehouse we're taking the next step towards a newer, better, and shinier Bluff City downtown.

Sincerely,  
**Percy J. Brown**  
Your Honorable Mayor