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City Attorney Zach Klein's Property Action Team shuts down crime-ridden hotel, gives owners strict deadlines to clean up property or face further sanctions

Klein calls Motel 6 on Morse Road a “nightmare for neighbors and a danger to guests”

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the Property Action Team has secured a court order to shutter a problem northside hotel that has become a hotspot for violence, drug activity, and prostitution. The property has also fallen into disrepair, with dozens of outstanding health and safety violations that must be fixed before owners are allowed to reopen. The Motel 6 located at 750 Morse Road will be forced to close to the public beginning October 13, 2026.

“This hotel has become a nightmare for neighbors and a danger to guests, with high levels of crime and conditions unfit for operation,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“With this order, owners must clean up their property on a timeline set by the court or face further sanctions. The clock starts now.”**

This latest court action is just the latest time the property has been before the court for nuisance activity. The Property Action Team filed a previous complaint against the hotel in February 2020, which declared the property a public nuisance due to criminal activity. The property was sold to new ownership following the 2020 lawsuit.

From January 1, 2025, to August 25, 2026, Columbus Police and Fire departments received over 160 calls related to the hotel. Calls have included multiple reports of prostitution, overdoses, disturbances, assaults or fights, rape or sexual assault, kidnapping, and fire runs.

CPD alerted ownership to the large number of runs to the property and ownership's duty to address the issues—or potentially face sanctions from the City.

“Owners knew about the crime, they neglected the property, and now they’re being held accountable for the unacceptable conditions that continue to impact the health and safety of the community,” said Heidi Carr, Deputy Chief of the Property Action Team. **“We’re committed to getting this property turned around and will closely monitor progress to determine the next steps in this case.”**

In addition to criminal activity, the hotel faces numerous health and safety violations, including unsanitary conditions, missing smoke alarms, exterior damage, unmaintained fire extinguishers, signs of rodent infestation, significant deterioration of concrete and railing, structural concerns regarding balconies, damaged fencing, trash and debris buildup, excessive weeds, and dangerous electrical issues.

The hotel has two weeks to vacate everyone from the property and must close until all of city and state code violations are repaired.

After 30 days, officials will conduct a compliance inspection, at which time operators must present a full report addressing any structural issues. Additionally, a security assessment must be completed within 60 days of the order. Failure to abide by the terms of the agreement could result in contempt of court charges, which could lead to further sanctions.

**Editor’s note: Copies of the complaint and court order can be viewed by clicking the links below.*

[Motel 6- Agreed Judgment Entry 9.29.26](#)

[Motel 6 Complaint Final](#)