

Addendum 5544 New London Rd Complaint:

Parcel Numbers: 480160002200

This property formerly was a rental property since 1994 to generations of the same family. The home had been updated and restored twice during the tenure of the same family renting throughout its entirety as a rental. The occupant died without our knowledge, following his lengthy rental history at our property and his felon/drug addicted son broke into our property once he learned of his father's passing and proceeded to squat there, take over the home and literally destroyed the home.

We had our routine quarterly visit with the elderly renter and he apparently died within days following our visit however no one informed us. We continued to receive the monthly rent as scheduled and when we notified the elderly tenant's family that we would be doing our next visit they informed us then that our tenant had passed. We immediately went to the home with the news of the tenant's passing and this is when we discovered the squatter-son had taken over and trashed the home. We contacted the sheriff to go to the home with us and we discovered the squatter in a drugged-haze, passed out, so the sheriff did nothing other than tell us to begin the eviction process and allowed him to stay. We had to remove the mailbox because more convicted felons started having their mail sent there and then someone shot out the front windows. This used to be a safe homestead and it became a destroyed drug house.

During our lengthy attempt to rehab our now deplorable home a stranger pulled up to the barn to break in during broad daylight. It's impossible to find a renter with any credentials... The restoration of the home has taken us three years... and nothing is close to complete. In Ashtabula there is no such thing as a local professional contractor or anyone who has even mediocre ratings with the BBB-the only people available to contract are backyard, uninsured, thieves and criminals which we fielded in an attempt to get the home in repair for rental but were left at a loss. The town has a drug epidemic and is so crime infested that lawlessness prevails. There are no street lights or sidewalks, very few parks or other local luxuries that are well maintained to draw people to the area. You can't even get access to reputable medical professionals and care. The schools are terrible and continue to be at the bottom of the state report card, there is no industry or jobs, no workforce at all so professionals don't choose to move to the county sadly. Also Saybrook Township Road Crew removed a driveway on the west of our property. Without cause they took a valuable large metal drain tile we had purchased and installed and left a ditch with no entrance driveway at all to my side yard or the back properties.

Details on house damage: The squatter-son broke all the windows out, removed every stitch of copper and replaced it with outdated used pvc, he poured something down drains to completely prevent passage of water, tore out the plumbing and had waste water pouring out the side of the home, floors were completely destroyed, supports in the basement were stolen and he replaced them with used 2x4s that were nailed together and the floor has begun to sway and buckle, pieces of the furnace were stolen and left the furnace unusable, he stole the cement paver walkways, removed all the landscaping to sell, he even broke into a storage shed that was not meant to be accessed and filled it with torn apart electronics, the entirety of the home was permeated with horrific yellow smoke and there were disgusting mattresses covered with blood and other bodily fluids all over the floors and the crawl space was filled with garbage, filthy bags of wet/dirty clothing and rotting unidentified carnage...

I would be happy to provide evidence of the damage to this once lovely farm home that has now been destroyed. I respectfully request that you revise my recent property value and lower it.
Thank you