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To: News Media

From: Bamberg County Administration

Date: February 19, 2024

Re: Bamberg City and County Officials Working to Expedite Tornado Clean-Up Process but Need Property Owners to Comply

Bamberg, South Carolina (February 2024) – Over a month after a Category EF-2 tornado struck Bamberg, City and County officials continue to work with property owners, insurance companies, the SC Emergency Management Division, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Commerce, the SC Department of Transportation, the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, Senator Brad Hutto, and Representative Justin Bamberg to expedite the clean-up process on Highway 301/Main Street. A structural engineering firm and the building inspector have declared several damaged structures unsafe and a danger to the public, and in most cases, determined the affected buildings must be completely demolished and cleared before city roads and streets can be reopened. Demolition is necessary because the buildings and/or their facades could collapse into the street, putting Bamberg citizens at risk.

Property owners of unsafe buildings on Highway 301 have been notified of the need to take immediate action to clean up their properties. The safety and health of all Bamberg citizens is the primary concern for City and County officials who implore property owners of the affected buildings to immediately comply with the demolition process.

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