



# Haverhill

Office of the Mayor, Room 100  
Phone: 978-374-2300 Fax: 978-373-7544  
Mayor@cityofhaverhill.com

*For Immediate Release*  
8/2/13

## **MAYOR FIORENTINI SECURES GRANT FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR ABANDONED BUILDINGS INITIATIVE**

Mayor James J. Fiorentini secured a two year grant for \$35k per year from the Attorney General to be used to fund a Manager of Vacant and Abandoned Buildings who will work with the Registry of Deeds, the Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Initiative and City Department Heads to oversee the identification of vacant and abandoned buildings in the City. The grant will provide for a Manager to oversee the City's new Vacant Properties Registry, recommend properties for Receivership or demolition, and track cases in the Northeast Housing Court.

The Manager will oversee neighborhood complaints regarding vacant and abandoned properties and also facilitate a resolution. This position gives the City the ability to combat building code issues more effectively and helps minimize the impact to quality of life that can arise from vacant and distressed housing.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

"I want to thank Attorney General Coakley for her support of this initiative.

"This funding will assist us in identifying vacant buildings and help us facilitate the process to get them cleaned up and occupied.

"My goal is to keep neighborhoods clean and keep buildings vibrant with residents."