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Mayor Submits Ordinance to Clean-Up Abandoned Buildings

Today, Mayor James J. Fiorentini submitted an ordinance relating to the building maintenance of vacant and foreclosing residential properties to the City Council. The City has been making great strides in identifying abandoned buildings, but to get more accomplished, we need an ordinance. Over the past two years, the City has been able to get 10 homes into the receivership program. This process addresses vacant properties and helps clean-up the home and gets rid of the blight. The neighborhoods need the support from the City to help clean up homes that have been vacated due to numerous reasons.

The ordinance would require that vacant properties be registered with the City, that would give the City the opportunity to send out inspectors to view the property to make certain that they do not become neighborhood eyesores. The City is taking a proactive stance with vacant properties and the Mayor continues to prioritize the clean-up of the City through many initiatives like the requested ordinance, street sweeping, new tree plantings and power washing sidewalks to name a few.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“This ordinance will give us an additional tool to require the owners of vacant and abandoned properties to do their part.

“Protecting residents, their homes and neighborhoods is a priority of my administration.

“Renovating vacant properties and making them part of a thriving neighborhood is my goal, this added ordinance will assist in making this happen.”