

# CITY OF KINGSTON

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### Statement from Mayor Steve Noble regarding Local Law #6

I am pleased to announce that I have signed Local Law #6, an important piece of legislation that will support my administration's efforts to address vacant buildings in our community. In addition to negatively impacting the appearance of our neighborhoods, residential and commercial buildings that have been left vacant and/or abandoned for significant periods of time can also present serious health and safety issues.

As stated under this law, the City will identify and register these vacant buildings, determine the responsibility of the owners, establish a process for securing, maintaining and rehabilitating the properties and require registration of these properties with the Building Department.

I want to thank the Common Council for supporting this legislation. I am confident that this law, coupled with new initiatives we are implementing to address "zombie properties", will strengthen our efforts to improve the quality of life in our community.