



**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston, adopted the Kingston 2025 Comprehensive Plan in 2015 which states that “Housing choices for residents of all incomes should be provided throughout the City” and includes Goals, Objectives, and Strategies specifically focused on housing including the improvement of existing residential and mixed-use neighborhoods and increasing homeownership rates among City residents with a focus on low- and moderate-income households;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston, recognizing that rental vacancy rates are at extremely low levels and has declared a housing emergency, formally adopted the Emergency Tenant Protection Act and established a Rent Guidelines Board;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston is nearing completion of a comprehensive update to the City’s zoning code to promote the development of workforce and affordable housing, streamline the development and design review process, promote the development of accessory dwelling units, and promote the development of more walkable and bikeable neighborhoods;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston, in an effort to preserve and protect the City’s long-term rental housing stock and ensure that short-term rentals do not become a public nuisance has adopted short term rental regulations and created short term rental registry requirements;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston, in an effort to ensure tenants in the City have adequate access to legal counsel when facing eviction or potentially facing eviction, has created the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Program;

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the City of Kingston developed and adopted the Kingston Fair Housing Plan to ensure equal and fair access to housing in the community and administer Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;

**WHEREAS**, we believe that our response to housing challenges provides us with an opportunity to improve housing opportunities and community wellbeing for all community members, and to build livable, affordable, and housing-smart communities,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Kingston shall join the Ulster County Housing Smart Communities Initiative;

**SECTION 2.** That the City of Kingston shall designate the Office of Housing Initiatives to serve as liaison between Ulster County and the municipality;

**SECTION 3.** Form a housing task force or designate an existing official housing-related body of the City to serve as the group committed to the program;

**SECTION 4:** Register for participation in the program on the Housing Smart Communities Initiative website;

**SECTION 5:** Establish or continue a community outreach and educational campaign on the importance of developing a range of housing options;

**SECTION 6:** Begin implementing a prioritized set of the Housing Smart Actions included in the program.

Submitted to the Mayor this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
November, 2022



Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
November, 2022



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on November 1, 2022

2/4

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

LAWS & RULES  
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk DATE: 10/19/2022

Description: Resolution to Approve Participation in the  
Ulster County Housing Smart Communities Initiative.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by CF

Seconded by RS-C

Action Required: \_\_\_\_\_

SEQRA Decision:  
 Type I Action \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type II Action \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unlisted Action \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Conditioned Negative Declaration: \_\_\_\_\_

Seek Lead Agency Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>Rita Worthington</u> Rita Worthington, Chairperson	✓	
<u>Barbara Hill</u> Barbara Hill, Ward 1	✓	
<u>Carl Frankel</u> Carl Frankel, Ward 2	✓	
<u>Rennie Scott-Childress</u> Rennie Scott-Childress, Ward 3		
<u>Michael Olivieri</u> Michael Olivieri, Ward 7	✓	

3

L&R

**Tinti, Elisa**

---

**From:** Shaut, Andrea  
**Sent:** Friday, September 30, 2022 2:52 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** Fw: Communication to Approve Participation in the UC Housing Smart Communities Initiative  
**Attachments:** Resolution x of 2022 - Housing Smart Communities (1).docx

Hi Elisa,

Can you please add this to Laws & Rules for October?

Thank you!

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

---

**From:** Hill, Barbara <ward1@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:58 PM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Cc:** Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** Communication to Approve Participation in the UC Housing Smart Communities Initiative

Dear President Shaut,

I would like to put forth a resolution to the Common Council APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE ULSTER COUNTY HOUSING SMART COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE.

The City has already made a significant amount of progress in the housing area and will be able to hit a high mark in terms of a certification level. My hope is that the 10 Housing Smart Action areas will provide a framework to the City that will help organize our work in this critical area. <https://hsci.ulstercountyny.gov/>

### Home - Ulster County Housing Smart Communities Initiative

The Ulster County Housing Smart Communities Initiative (Housing Smart Communities) is an Ulster County program that supports communities in meeting their housing needs. The program provides guidance, technical support, and incentives for local municipalities that working to address their housing and affordability challenges.

[hsci.ulstercountyny.gov](https://hsci.ulstercountyny.gov/)

I have been in communication with Bartek Starodaj, Director of the City of Kingston Housing Initiatives re: the City's participation in this important initiative. I worked with both Kai Lord-Farmer, Senior Planner, UC Planning Department

RESOLUTION \_\_\_ of 2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE ULSTER COUNTY HOUSING SMART COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**

Sponsored by: Laws & Rules Committee Aldermen: Alderman Worthington, Hill, Frankel, Scott-Childress, Davis, Olivieri

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston believes that rising housing and rental costs and a lack of diverse housing opportunities for all community members pose a significant challenge to the members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, affordable housing is defined as housing in which the occupant is paying no more than 30% of monthly or annual income for housing costs, including utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring there are affordable housing options for all community members is a key responsibility of the elected officials of the City of Kingston and a critical component of creating a healthy, sustainable, and prosperous community; and

**WHEREAS**, rising housing and rental costs and a lack of diverse housing opportunities for all community members is in part due to the demand for housing far exceeding the supply of new affordable and workforce housing being developed in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, a long-term commitment by the City to review and approve new affordable and workforce housing projects is a critical strategy for ensuring there are affordable housing options for all community members; and

**WHEREAS**, working toward housing solutions is a priority for the well-being of the local residents, the economy, and community sustainability;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston has made considerable progress in working to address the housing crisis in the County including establishing the Director of Housing Initiatives to oversee all housing-related projects and policies;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston, adopted the Kingston 2025 Comprehensive Plan in 2015 which states that "Housing choices for residents of all incomes should be provided throughout the City" and includes Goals, Objectives, and Strategies specifically focused on housing including the improvement of existing residential and mixed-use neighborhoods and increasing homeownership rates among City residents with a focus on low- and moderate-income households;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston, recognizing that rental vacancy rates are at extremely low levels and has declared a housing emergency, formally adopted the Emergency Tenant Protection Act and established a Rent Guidelines Board;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston is nearing completion of a comprehensive update to the City's zoning code to promote the development of workforce and affordable housing, streamline the

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022