



City of Kingston Laws and Rules Committee
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
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Meeting Date: February 19, 2020

Submitted by: Dee Sills

Submitting Department: Mayor

Item Type: Informational Purposes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Public Works & Parks & Recreation Collaboration

Suggested Action:

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CITY OF KINGSTON

Office of the Mayor

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



January 31, 2020

Ms. Andrea Shaut
Alderwoman-at-Large
President of the Common Council
Kingston City Hall
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Public Works and Parks & Recreation collaboration

Dear President Shaut,

With the impending retirement of Kevin Gilfeather, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, I have been working with my staff to develop a long-term plan that supports the continued operations of our incredible parks and programming and identifies opportunities for improvement.

As part of this process, I have been in discussion with not only the leadership of Parks and Recreation, but also of the Department of Public Works. While each Department serves critical and unique functions, I believe wholeheartedly that these departments can and should work closer together for the benefit of our community. By collaborating together, we have the opportunity to improve our system so that the services to our community and taxpayers are delivered in an economical, efficient and sustainable manner.

I am respectfully requesting that this matter be referred to both the Finance and Laws and Rules Committees. I will be in attendance at both of these meetings to present my proposal and answer any questions the Council may have. Additional documents supporting this proposal will be sent under separate cover, prior to these meetings, so that the Council members may familiarize themselves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

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Vacant Storefronts

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Don Tallerman <don@dragon360.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 8:33 PM
To: Hirsch, Michele
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Legislative Proposal

Hi Andrea –

I believe that vacant retail space is a blight on our community, with many negative effects.

Below and (attached) is a request for an addendum to our zoning laws. The overall purpose is to reduce the number of vacant storefronts/retail spaces in our city. As you will see, there is a particular focus on larger spaces, such as the former Woolworth and Yallum's spaces on Wall Street.

Thank you very much.

Donald Tallerman
917-318-7420

VACANT STOREFRONTS

A vacant storefront is described as a commercial retail space in one of Kingston's 3 business districts, Uptown, Midtown and Rondout. Vacant refers to the storefront being unoccupied for more than 6 months. This is directed at commercial buildings with vacant storefronts – NOT buildings that have been abandoned. Storefronts include the entire square footage of the street level space within a given building.

In addition to fees set forth in Code 179-10, a supplemental fee shall be charged as follows.

Retail spaces 500-2,000 SF

The owner of a vacant storefront shall pay a monthly fee of \$300. \$3,600 annually.

Retail spaces 2,000-4,000 SF

The owner of a vacant storefront shall pay a monthly fee of \$600. \$7,200 annually.

Retail spaces over 4,000 SF

The owner of a vacant storefront shall pay a monthly fee of \$100,000. \$1,200,000 annually.

This applies only to buildings on the main commercial thoroughfares:

Uptown: N. Front Street between Clinton & Crown

Wall Street between N. Front and Main

Fair Street between N. Front and John

Midtown: Broadway between St. James & W. Chester St

Rondout: Broadway between Spring & W. Strand

Failure to pay the fee shall result in said fee to be charged against the land on which the building existed, as a municipal lien, or shall be added to the tax roll as an assessment or shall be levied as a special tax against the land upon which the building stands or stood or shall be recovered in a suit at law against the owner.

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Contractor Licenses

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor

Stephan Knox
Director

Thomas Murray
Assistant Director

CITY OF KINGSTON
Building Safety & Zoning Enforcement

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January 31, 2020

Alderpersion at Large Andrea Shaut
City of Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Dear Alderpersion at Large Shaut,

At the behest of City of Kingston Plumbing Board President, David Allen and plumbing inspector, David Bence, I respectfully submit the following request for the establishment of contractor licensing for the installation of oil and gas burning appliances.

Many municipalities throughout New York have established similar local laws seeking to create a basic standard of competency for those working with potentially hazardous materials and circumstances. Recent inspections of both commercial and residential properties has revealed common venting concerns and frequent failures to properly bond gas CSST lines.

Our conversations with local utility company representatives and local contractors has confirmed a general concern for public safety and the need to remedy such as quickly as possible. Attached find language, for a proposed City of Kingston law, created by plumbing board members after reviewing a number of other municipal license requirements. We ask that serious consideration be given to creating a license for the installation of oil and gas burning appliances.

Sincerely,

Stephan Knox

Director of Building Safety & Zoning Enforcement

Cc. Mayor, Steven T. Noble
Corporation Counsel, Kevin Bryant

Licensing of contractors installing oil burning, gas burning appliances.

No person shall engage in or conduct the business of the installation of new or replacement oil or gas heat-producing equipment in the City without first obtaining from the Building Safety Division of the City a license to do such work. Persons applying to be licensed to engage in or conduct the business of the installation of gas and/or oil heat-producing equipment shall present satisfactory proof to the Plumbing Board that (s)he is competent to make such installation and has been engaged in the installation of such equipment for a period of at least four years prior to the date of application or has graduated from a four-year college or university with major coursework in heating engineering and has had one year's experience as a journeyman heating contractor or (s)he shall be a licensed professional engineer. In addition, the applicant shall be required to take a written examination prepared by the Plumbing Board and pay a nonrefundable examination fee as set forth in City of Kingston Fee Schedule. If the applicant satisfactorily passes the examination, (s)he shall receive a heating license from the City. All licenses granted hereunder shall expire as of June 1 of each calendar year and must be renewed on an annual basis within 30 days preceding the expiration by application to the Building Safety Division and payment of a renewal fee as set forth in Section above. Any person who permits his gas/oil license to lapse may apply for and receive a certificate of renewal upon payment of a fee as set forth in the City of Kingston Fee Schedule. Prior to expiration, a person licensed under this section may petition the Building Safety Division to suspend his/her license. A person whose license has been suspended at his/her request may reinstate such license at any time within five years from the date the license was scheduled to expire. There shall be a fee plus the license fee to reinstate a license that has been suspended at the request of the licensee. Any license granted under this section is revocable by the Plumbing Board for cause. Licenses may be granted for installation of oil-burning apparatus only or gas-burning apparatus or gas piping. Fees for licenses are set forth in the City of Kingston Fee Schedule.

A plumbing permit shall be obtained to install oil or gas heat producing appliances. The permit will also allow contractor to connect domestic water to such appliance within five (5) feet of the appliance. All other water connections must be installed by a Master Licensed Plumber with an approved permit.

Misuse of licenses granted by the Plumbing Board of the City Of Kingston New York

A plumbing permit shall be obtained for water connections for heat-producing equipment. A license granted by the Plumbing Board of the City of Kingston New York to an individual shall not be used by any other person, directly or indirectly, either to obtain a permit or to perform any work under that license.

Investigation; prosecution for misuse of license

The Plumbing Inspector shall investigate the license and special permit of every heating contractor and shall promptly report to the Plumbing Board any violation of the provisions of this article relating to the use of the license, and the Plumbing Inspector shall immediately apply to the Plumbing Board for the forfeiture of the license who shall have misused the license in violation of this article.

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Submitting Department: Mayor

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Housing Vacancy Study

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Ms. Andrea Shaut
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President of the Common Council
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Re: Housing Vacancy Study

Dear President Shaut,

As you aware, the City of Kingston contracted with the Center for Government Research to conduct a vacancy study in order to ascertain whether or not there is a vacancy rate of less than 5% in apartment buildings built before 1974 with six or more units. I am happy to report that a draft that of that report will be available for the Common Council to review in February.

I respectfully request that the Vacancy Study completed by CGR be placed on the appropriate committee for discussion. The vacancy study will be shared under separate cover when it is received.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Little League Agreement

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BASEBALL

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From: Fritz Genther

Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2020 9:50 AM

To: 'kbryant@kingston-ny.gov'

Cc: PAT MAGEE; Fritz Genther

Subject: 1982 COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR FIELD USE AGREEMENT

Kevin,

Thanks for taking my call this morning! See attached the original resolution passed back in 1982 for the use of the partial of land for Little League use that was deeded to the City of Kingston. Since 1982, National LL merged with Ulster LL and Esopus LL to become Kingston LL. In the best interest of the community at large, both the Kingston Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth League and Kingston Little League decided to merge and create on large League under the new name of Kingston Youth Baseball and Softball Association, Inc.

What I am asking is that how can we have either a new resolution or a new lease agreement put in place under the new name of Kingston Youth Baseball and Softball League with the language used stating it is for the use for Youth Baseball and Softball (no sanction affiliate attached).

I have attached the original resolution along with our KYBSA organizational meeting minutes and our new KYBSA bylaws.

We want to start upgrading the property asap if possible, but we need to get this issue resolved first.

Thanks for looking into this!

I have included Pat MaGee, former Kingston LL president on this email as well.

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Davis, Tony; Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Morell, Jeffrey
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] FW: 1982 COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR FIELD USE AGREEMENT

Good Afternoon,

Tony - Thank you for sending the communication. I understand the reasoning for the tardiness and will move it forward to Laws & Rules for February. Are you okay with the late communication, Jeffrey?

Elisa, please add to the Laws & Rules agenda once Jeffrey confirms.

Thank you,

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

From: Davis, Tony
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] FW: 1982 COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR FIELD USE AGREEMENT

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If there is any way to get discuss this resolution soon than later, the league would greatly appreciate it.

They had a previous lease but they organization has changed their name so they wanted to reflect that with a new lease/agreement.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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Thank you Tony.

Andrea: I'm fine with adding this to the L&R agenda, I'll talk to Dan about whether we need to draft a new agreement or amend the existing one.

Should I contact Mr. Genther to attend the meeting in case there are question?

Thank you,
Jeffrey

Sent from my iPhone

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Submitting Department: Assessor

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Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Daniel Baker, City Assessor
Judy Piazza, Deputy Assessor

11/25/19

Re: Board of Assessment Review

Alderman-at-Large Noble:

The 5 year term for Board of Assessment Review member Wayne Platte has recently expired. He has been a dedicated member of the Board of Assessment Review and has done an excellent job in his role as a Board of Assessment Review member.

This 5 year tem needs to be filled with an appointment or reappointment. I look forward to discussing this with the Common Council in the very ear future.

Thank you.

Daniel P Baker II

Assessor, City of Kingston

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