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City to Update & Strengthen Blight Ordinance. Resident Feedback Survey Created

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TORRINGTON CT – July 31, 2017 – Mayor Elinor Carbone has announced that the City of Torrington is in the process of updating and strengthening its existing blight ordinance.

The updates, which will soon go before the Ordinance Subcommittee of the City Council, include such changes as assigning a Blight Enforcement Officer and better defining the steps to address blighted structures or premises whether through civil or criminal prosecution. The Mayor and code enforcement officials met earlier this year with Mayors and officials in New Britain and Waterbury to compare best practices.

“The City of Torrington, like all communities with an aging housing stock, continues to combat the issue of blighted properties. Whether the blighted conditions present a risk to the health or safety of citizens of the city or the property and/or structures and buildings present any code violations, our goal is to work with the property owner to bring the property into compliance with the ordinance. However, when faced with an uncooperative property owner, it is imperative that the city utilize the enforcement tools available through Connecticut State Statutes. It is unfair that property owners and residents who take great pride in their homes should suffer the consequences of a poorly maintained property or a dangerous or unsafe structure that diminishes the value of the neighborhood in which they are located” said Mayor Carbone.

As part of the effort to obtain feedback from residents, a brief survey on blight has been created. The link to this survey is accessible through the city website at www.torringtonct.org or the Mayor's Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/mayorcarbone

The updated ordinance has been undertaken by the Mayor's summer intern, Torrington native and THS graduate Ben Thompson, who is attending Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts. “Ben has been a great assistance to us on this project and has done great work in the short time he has been interning in my office. He exemplifies the very best of our younger generation and I'm proud that we were able to utilize his efforts and give him some real world experience during his summer break” said the Mayor.

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