

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2015

OF

MARCH 23, 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF NEWBURGH'S DISTRESSED PROPERTY REMEDIATION POLICY

WHEREAS, the Land Use Law Center at Pace Law School has met with City staff and officials; the City's land use boards; and community stakeholders; conducted trainings; made presentations; researched best land use practices from other municipalities within New York State and across the country; and submitted reports to the City Council, all to help address and remediate Distressed Properties in the City of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 255-2010 of November 8, 2010, the City Council of the City of Newburgh accepted the Addressing Distressed Properties report of the Land Use Law Center at Pace Law School, in conjunction with the Center for Community Progress, and adopted a Distressed Property Remediation Policy for the City based on the report's general policy recommendations to improve the City's code enforcement process, create a land bank, and establish a system of development readiness; and

WHEREAS, also by Resolution No. 255-2010 of November 8, 2010, the City Council created a Distressed Property Task Force comprised of City staff and officials, and representatives of interested community groups to develop a step-by-step process for implementing recommendations from the Addressing Distressed Properties report; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 47-2011 of February 28, 2011, the City Council authorized the creation of the Newburgh Community Land Bank to take title to certain City-owned improved and vacant properties to hold, manage, and restore these properties to the property tax roll; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 87-2012 of June 18, 2012, the City Council accepted the Streamlining Newburgh's Land Use Process report of the Land Use Law Center at Pace Law School and authorized implementation of its recommendations, including an update to the City's zoning code to remove unnecessary regulatory barriers, consolidation of all environmental and advisory committees into a new Conservation Advisory Council, and streamlined processes for environmental, coastal consistency, historic preservation, and general project review; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-2013 of January 28, 2013, the City Council accepted Professors Joseph Schilling and Kermit Lind's Code Enforcement Assessment Report and its recommendations, authorizing a comprehensive update of the City's code enforcement processes

and technologies through the development of (1) a real property data system to support data driven plans and actions and to provide research and staffing for projects and programs, including those of community based organizations and (2) a technology and communications strategy for streamlining code enforcement operations and making code enforcement actions more transparent; and

WHEREAS, the City Council continues to support the City's Distressed Property Remediation Policy and finds that maintaining this policy is in the best interests of the City of Newburgh;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Newburgh hereby supports continued efforts to remediate distressed property through ongoing efforts of the Newburgh Community Land Bank, the City's Departments of Code Compliance and Planning and Development, and streamlined project review and approval processes in the City of Newburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Newburgh hereby supports continued collaboration with the Land Use Law Center at Pace Law School in its efforts to implement the City's Distressed Property Remediation Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Newburgh that the City Manager be and he hereby is authorized to direct the City staff to fully implement the City of Newburgh Distressed Property Remediation Policy; to oversee and manage the Distressed Property Task Force as a tool to implement the City of Newburgh Distressed Property Remediation Policy.

I, Krista Cotten, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Newburgh
do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the
original resolution adopted by the Council of the City of
Newburgh at a regular meeting held 3/23/15
and that it is a true and correct copy of such original.
Witness my hand and seal of the City of Newburgh this 24th day of March, 2015
Krista Cotten
Deputy City Clerk