

Town Building Department Takes Action to Condemn Three Houses in Mastic, Selden and Port Jefferson Station

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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine announced today that Brookhaven Town's Building Department took action on Friday, January 10 to condemn three houses for a range of violations including an unsafe heating system, unsanitary conditions, hoarding and unlawful living space. In addition, one of the properties contained a shed that was being used as living quarters in violation of Town Code.

"I commend our Building and Law Departments for taking swift action to condemn these houses," said Supervisor Ed Romaine. "Our number one priority is the health and safety of the residents and if the properties are in violation of Town Codes, closing them down sends a clear message that these unhealthy conditions will not be allowed to continue."

"We are going to make sure that the landlords are held accountable for the condition and upkeep of their properties," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico (CD6). "Every lead will be investigated and when appropriate, as in this action, houses will be condemned as we continue to work to clean up our neighborhoods."

Councilman Kevin Lavalley (CD 3) said, "A situation like the one at the Biscayne Drive house is unsafe for the occupant and a detriment to the families that live in the neighborhood. I thank the Building and Law Departments for the difficult work that they do to help clean up the dangerous eyesores that plague our communities."

Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright (CD1) said, "On behalf of Council District 1, I appreciate the cooperation between the departments within the town that will ultimately result in maintaining the value and quality of our neighborhoods. Diligent code enforcement is crucial for the quality of life Brookhaven residents expect and deserve."

The houses that were condemned are as follows:

15 Montgomery Avenue in Mastic

Building Inspectors responded to a request received from the Town's Fire Prevention Division and were met by officers from the Suffolk County Police Department and Suffolk County Child Protective Services. The heating system was determined to be unsafe and the tenant was using a portable commercial heater which is not for residential operation. The house also was found to be unsanitary from several cats and two small dogs that had been urinating and defecating in the house. The adult female tenant, six children and their pets were relocated with a neighbor. The Town issued tickets for property maintenance violations.

10 Biscayne Drive in Selden

The Building Department received notification from Fire Prevention of a hoarding situation at this location and after inspection, the house was condemned as unsafe due to hoarding and animal feces. The adult female occupant was relocated and will be staying with her adult female daughter.

33 Weldon Lane in Port Jefferson Station

Working with a Town Law Investigator, a Building Inspector condemned this single family house that illegally contained 11 bedrooms. This unlawful living space was constructed without a permit key locks were found on the bedroom doors. Tickets will be issued for the violations.

If residents believe that a property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call 451-TOWN to file a complaint.

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