

Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner Announce Law Department Action Results in Condemnation of Illegal Trailer in Rocky Point

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Trailer located at 198 Magnolia Road was being used as a residence in violation of Town code



Illegal trailer located at 198 Magnolia Road in Rocky Point that was the subject of a Town of Brookhaven Law Department investigation and condemned by the Building Department.

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner have announced the results of a March 1 action by Town's Law Department that resulted in the condemnation of a construction trailer located at 198 Magnolia Road in Rocky Point that was being used as a residence in violation of Town code. The action was taken after Town Law investigators executed a search warrant with the assistance of the Suffolk County Police 7th precinct COPE Unit. After an inspection of the trailer by a Town Building Inspector, the Notice of Condemnation was posted and the occupant was ordered to vacate the premises.

The property had long been a blight in the residential neighborhood since the property owner placed a construction-type trailer on land that the Town has assessed as vacant. The trailer had an electric hook up with a LIPA meter installed, even though the property had no permits or Certificate of Occupancy (CO) and no pending application before the Town of Brookhaven. On March 1, Law Department Investigators and a Town Building Inspector, entered the trailer and observed a cramped living area inside. This included a bed, a kitchen area that included a microwave, hot plate, refrigerator, coffee pot and food pantry. It also included a bathroom with a toilet bowl lined with a plastic bag and a sink hooked up to a large bottle. It was apparent to the investigators that the owner was living inside this structure, bottling and bagging his own waste. Investigators also observed a dresser that contained clothing and other personal items. The structure had electric heat and air conditioning. In addition to the condemnation order, five Appearance Tickets (2 misdemeanors) were issued by a Law Department Investigator, with a court date of May 2, 2013.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Properties like this one are not only an eyesore, they are also a threat to the health and

safety of residents who live nearby. I thank both our Law and Building Departments for all they do to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and remind those who violate our codes that their actions will not be tolerated and they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"I have been working closely with the Law Department for some time, but we have been hampered by motions and legal challenges that have only caused delays and added to the frustration of the people who live in the area." said Councilwoman Bonner, "Thanks to the perseverance of our Law Investigators, the residents can finally feel a sense of satisfaction that the wheels are in motion to rid their neighborhood of this illegal eyesore."

The Town's Law Department aggressively enforces the Town codes to help eliminate blight in neighborhoods, fight overcrowded illegal housing and shutdown suburban slumlords. 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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