

# Brookhaven Town Condemns Miller Place "Animal Hoarding" House for Unsanitary Conditions

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**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner have announced that a Miller Place house, which was the subject of numerous resident complaints, has been condemned by the Town Building Department for unsanitary conditions. The action was taken after Town Building Inspectors, Law Investigators and the Suffolk County SPCA were permitted entrance to the house, located at 24 Hunter Avenue, and found it to be uninhabitable due to the overwhelming presence of animal waste on the floors, furniture and counter tops. The sole tenant was served with a summons for property maintenance violations and the property owner was cited for having no rental permit and property maintenance violations. The tenant was provided with emergency housing alternatives.

Residents in the neighborhood had contacted the Town about strong odors emanating from the house and the presence of several pets that were living there in sub-standard conditions. Ten cats, two kittens and one dog were found in the house. They also reported that the yard was not maintained and had become an eyesore with overgrown vegetation throughout.

"This house posed a real threat to the health and safety of the occupants and the people who live in the area," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner. "I commend our Building and Law departments for taking action to help improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and I urge residents to be vigilant and report any issues like this in their own community."

Supervisor Ed Romaine said, "Residents have the right to enjoy a high quality of life in their neighborhoods and not be subjected to these kinds of conditions, especially from an absentee landlord who is in violation of our Town codes. Thanks to our Building and Law departments, we are making great progress in cleaning up the Town and making property owners comply with the law."

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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