

# Supervisor Romaine Announces Town Action to Condemn Filth Strewn House on Hawkins Avenue in Medford

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## ***Three adults and one child were living with no heat, no electric, no working sanitary system***

**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Ed Romaine announced today that Brookhaven Town's Building and Law Departments took action on March 5 to condemn, board and secure a house located at 17 Hawkins Avenue in Medford. The Town was called to the scene by the Suffolk County Police Department after Child Protective Services responded to check on a three-year-old child.

Upon entering the home, it was found to be unsanitary, with animal feces and household garbage strewn throughout and the toilets were overflowing with human waste. There was no heat, no electric and no water. When inspectors discovered that the pipes had burst and water was flowing into the basement, the Suffolk County Water Authority was called to shut the water off at the curb. Three female adults were living in the home with the child. They were provided housing information by Suffolk County Child Protective Service, but made arrangements to stay overnight with family and friends. The tenants also took with them two puppies that were found in the home. The house was boarded and secured by the Town and tickets will be issued to the property owner for all violations.

"The conditions in this home were absolutely deplorable," said Supervisor Romaine. "No one should be subjected to living in a place like this, especially a young child. I commend our Building Inspectors and Law Investigators for taking swift action to relocate the occupants and condemn the house. Property owners must be held accountable. We will continue to crack down on those who violate our town codes and allow this to go on in our community."

If residents believe that a property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call 451-TOWN to file a complaint. For more information or to access the Town's Code Book, go to [www.brookhaven.org](http://www.brookhaven.org).

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