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City to Address Vacant and Abandoned Foreclosed Homes

Tonight the Mayor will ask council to pass legislation authorizing the Planning Director to research and develop a Foreclosure Registry Program to address the large number of abandoned and vacant residential properties. The City, utilizing the valuable information that resulted from Summit County's Abandoned and Vacant Property Task Force, will develop a program to address blighted homes in Akron neighborhoods due to foreclosures.

“Other cities across the country have studied and developed foreclosure registry programs as a mechanism to prevent blight within neighborhoods,” said Mayor Don Plusquellic. “We also want to address the foreclosure problem by studying the issues and developing a plan that utilizes the best practices that we have observed in other cities around the country.”

This is a logical next step in addition to the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program. This will provide an additional tool to deal with the problem of foreclosed homes in Akron's neighborhoods.

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