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Julie L. Noble, Coordinator



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

May 1, 2025

Honorable Andrea Shaut President/Alderman-at-Large Kingston Common Council 420 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Kingston Point Beach NYSWIMS SEQR

Dear President Shaut,

I would like to request the following for placement on the Laws and Rules Committee agenda for May.

The City has received funding from DASNY's NYSWIMS Grant to implement a design of multi-tiered raised terraces to connect upland areas on either side of the existing beach to provide flood mitigation and protect the interior of Kingston Point against sea level rise. The primary objective of the project is to promote resiliency through the protection and management of natural resources and sensitive ecosystems while protecting and reinforcing the shorelines.

At this time, my office, with Corporation Counsel, is reviewing 6 NYCRR 617 to identify the appropriate SEQR action level and are drafting up the Short Environmental Assessment Forms. We will have these forms to you in advance of the May 21st Laws and Rules meeting for your consideration.

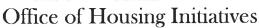
If there are any questions, I will be present at the May Laws and Rules meeting to speak to this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie L. Noble Project Manager

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CITY OF KINGSTON





Bartek Starodaj, Director



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

May 1, 2025

Ald. At Large Andrea Shaut, President City of Kingston Common Council City Hall - 420 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Edits to the City's Form-Based Zoning Code

Dear President Shaut,

As communicated in February, the Zoning Working Group has recommended to the Common Council amendments to the form-based code. These edits are intended to exclusively fix inconsistencies in the version adopted in 2023, better organize existing information, and amend aspects of the code that were understudied during the drafting process.

Via Resolution 54 of 2025, the Common Council referred these amendments to the City of Kingston Planning Board, the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the Ulster County Planning Board. All three agencies concurred with the edits. The Planning Board had one suggestion on the placement of accessory structures I'd like to review with the Committee.

Otherwise, on behalf of the Zoning Working Group and pending completion of a public hearing, I am asking the Common Council to adopt these amendments.

Regards,

Bartek Starodaj, Director of Housing Initiatives

Cc: Steve T. Noble, Mayor

E. Tinti, City Clerk

S. Cahill, Planning Director

B. Graves-Poller, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION X of 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 405 THE KINGSTON FORM-BASED ZONING CODE

Sponsored by: Laws & Rules Committee: Hirsch, Scott-Childress, Pasti, Edwards, Dennison

WHEREAS, under Resolution 138 of 2023, the City of Kingston Common Council adopted a form-based zoning code, to describe the desired form and character for future improvements and preservation throughout the City called Kingston Forward; and

WHEREAS, also under Resolution 138 of 2023, the City of Kingston Common Council directed the creation of a Zoning Working Group to ensure the zoning code is meeting its intent and purpose and that it aligns with the City's comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Working Group has submitted to the Common Council proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution 54 of 2025, the City of Kingston Common Council referred the proposed amendments to the City of Kingston Planning Board, the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the Ulster County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston Common Council held a public hearing on the proposed amendments on May 5, 2025 and has received letters of support and/or no impact on the amendments from the City of Kingston Planning Board, the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the Ulster County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the requested amendments do not significantly impact the location, intensity, or form of development that takes place in the City of Kingston and are found to be consistent and not exceeding the thresholds set in the DGEIS and FGEIS adopted for the form-based code on March 7, 2023 and July 11, 2023, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the Kingston Common Council adopts edits to the Kingston Forward Form-Based Code in Chapter 405 as affixed.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances and parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are herby appealed.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Submitted to the Mayor this	day	Approved by the Mayor this	day
of	2025	of	2025
Elisa Tinti, City Clerk	<u>-</u>	Steven T. Noble, Mayor	
Adopted by Council on		, 2025	

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City of Kingston Zoning Working Group Amendment Suggestion 1 of 2025

Add New Section 405.21 Q Recreation Fee

A. 1. In any development (including new buildings, substantial rehabilitation of existing structures, adaptive reuse of conversion of a nonresidential use to a residential use, or any combination of these elements) that includes seven or more overall rental or homeownership housing units, as a condition to the approval of the site plan, a recreation fee payment to the City of Kingston of a sum of money in an amount to be determined and set annually, by resolution of the Common Council, as part of the City's fee schedule Fees imposed pursuant to this article shall be paid prior to final site plan approval and shall be set aside in a fund to be used exclusively for park, playground or other recreational purposes, including acquisition of property for use as park or playgrounds.

Edit 405.19 Affordable Housing Incentives C 3(b.) to say:

With input from the Recreation Commission, the Planning Board may consider full compliance with affordable housing requirements as grounds to discount a project's Recreation Fee-In Lieu of Parkland in accordance with the provisions of \$347. For the purposes of this discount, full compliance shall mean including affordable or workforce housing units as required by 405.19.A.1(a).

Any permanently affordable housing unit created in compliance with 405.19 shall be excluded from recreation fee calculations under 405.21 Q. For example, if a ten-unit residential project includes one affordable unit, that unit shall be excluded from recreation fee calculations.

Related Action: Repeal Chapter 347 Site Plan Review – Reservation of Parkland; Fees in Lieu of Reservation

§ 347-1Planning Board may require parkland; findings.

A. The Planning Board may require that a subdivision or site plan containing residential units also contain a park, or parks, or playground suitably located for playground or other recreational purposes.

B. Before the Planning Board will require that land be reserved for park, playground or other recreational purposes, the Planning Board must make a finding that such requirement is warranted. Such a finding shall include an evaluation of the present and anticipated future needs for park and recreational purposes in the City of Kingston based on the projected population growth to which the particular site plan and/or subdivision will contribute.

C. The Planning Board shall consult with the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Kingston in order to assist in the formulation of the findings as referenced in Subsections A and B above.

§ 347-2 Ownership of park area.

The ownership of a reservations for park purposes shall be clearly indicated on the site plan or subdivision and established in a manner satisfactory to the Planning Board so as to insure its proper future continuation and maintenance.

§ 347-3 Cash payment in lieu of reservation.

Where the Planning Board makes a finding that the proposed subdivision or site plan presents a proper case for requiring a park or parks suitably located for playground or other recreational purposes, but that a suitable park or parks of adequate size cannot be properly located on such site plan or subdivision, the Planning Board may require, as a condition to the approval of the site plan or subdivision, a payment to the City of Kingston of a sum of money in an amount to be determined and set annually, by resolution of the Common Council. Fees imposed pursuant to this article shall be paid prior to final site plan or subdivision approval and shall be set aside in a fund to be used exclusively for park, playground or other recreational purposes, including acquisition of property for use as park or playgrounds.

§ 347-4Consulting fees.

A. The City of Kingston shall have the right to require an applicant who seeks to obtain a site plan or subdivision approval to deposit in escrow to cover the costs being incurred by the City of Kingston for all consultant services, including but not limited to engineering, planning and legal, as well clerical costs incurred in the processing and reviewing of such application.

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The Planning Board, in consultation with the applicant, shall compute the amount of the escrow to be posted with the City of Kingston. Such amount shall be reasonably related to the cost attendant to the City's review of the application. It is understood that the applicant is required only to reimburse and pay to the City of Kingston the fees actually expended by the City. Any such fees incurred by the City of Kingston must be reasonable and subject to all appropriate audit provisions of the City of Kingston with the explicit understanding that the applicant shall only pay at the rate for said services that the City pays for its own consulting services.

§ 347-5 Applicability.

This article shall apply to all current and future applications for site plan or subdivision approval containing residential units.

City of Kingston Zoning Working Group

Amendment 2 of 2025 - Organizational

Add to 405.17 Signage Standards

[Table that summarizes signage types and transect allowances. As needed, make appropriate updates to Article 3 Transect Standards]

	T5MS	T5F	T5N	T4MS	T4N- O	T4N	T3N- O	T3N	T3L	T2C	T1N	SD- W/WMU	SD-C	SD-F
Wall Sign	X	Х	X	X	X	7.1				101		X	X	X
Wall Mural Sign	Х	Х	X	X	X							X	X	X
Projecting Sign	Х	Х	Х	X	х	X	X	X				X	X	X
Marquee Sign	X	X				81					T			
Hanging Sign	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X				Х	X	X
Awning Sign	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X				Х	X	X
Canopy Sign	X	Х	X	Х	X	X						X	X	X
Window Sign	Х	X	X	Х	Х	X	X	X				Х	X	X
Sidewalk Sign	Х	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X				Х	X	X
Yard/Porch					×		X							

Roof Sign									Х	
Freestanding Sign									X	Х
Electronic Sign (See 405.17 I)	Х	Х	X	X				Х	X	

Add to 405.5.B. Transect District Dimensional Standards Summary

[Add section for Accessory setbacks (rear, side)]

	T5 U	rban Ce	enter	Nei	T4 ghborh	ood	1	3 orhood	T3 Large Lot	T2 Conserva tion	T1 Natural	Special District			t		
	T5- MS	T5-F	T5N	T4- MS	T4N -0	T4N	T3N-O	T3N	T3L	T2C	JIN	SD- W	SD- WM U	SD- C	SD_ MF	SD-I	SD-F
Buildin g Form- Access ory					16.												u.P.

Rear Setback	0' min	0' min	3'm in	O' mi n	3' mi n	3' mi n	3' min	3'min	3' min	3' min	20' min	Wat erfr ont setb ack 30' min	Wat erfr ont setb ack 20' min	10' min	10' min	10' min	10' min
Side Setback	0' min	O' min	0' min	O' mi n	3' mi n	3' mi n	5'	5'	3' min	3' min	15' min (midbl ock) (30' min street)	12' min	0,	10' min	15' min	n/a	10' min
Height	2.5 ma x	2.5 ma x	2.5 ma x	2.5 ma x	2.5 ma x	2.5 ma x	2.5 max	2.5 max	2.5 max	2.5 max	2.5 max	2.5 max	2.5 max	2.5 max	2.5 max	2.5 max	2.5 max

City of Kingston Zoning Working Group Amendment Suggestion 3 of 2025

Edit Section 405.16 C d Off-Street Parking Standards

a: Accessibility. All vehicle parking lots and parking structures must conform with the ADA Standards for Accessible Design as mandated by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and should conform to the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG). At least one accessible space shall be provided for all development with 4 or more units. If no on-site parking area is provided, required accessible parking may be located nearby on-street or in a common parking lot, as approved by the Planning Administrator (for minor site plans) or Planning Board.

City of Kingston Zoning Working Group

Amendment Suggestion 4 of 2024

Edit Section 405.6-405.9 Transect Standards

	T5MS	T5Flex	T5N	T4MS	T4N-O	T4N
First Floor	16' min	14'min	12'	14' min	9'min	9' min
Height			min			
	Historic	Historic		Historic districts:		
	districts: 16'	districts: 14'		14' corner min,		
	corner min,	corner min,		mid-block		
	mid-block	mid-block		contextual min		
	contextual	contextual				
	min	min				

ADD to 405.2 Definitions: CONTEXTUAL FIRST-FLOOR HEIGHT

Measured as the smallest existing first floor height of buildings that are on adjacent lots, that are oriented to the same street as, and within 100' of the subject lot.

City of Kingston Zoning Working Group

Amendment Suggestion 5 of 2025

Edit Definition of Bed & Breakfast

An owner-occupied residential establishment where not more than five rooms are rented to transient nonpermanent guests, on a short-term basis, staff or owner-operator on the premises to check-in guests and available for support services. At least one prepared meal is made available to guests. See Sec 405.21.D.

City of Kingston Zoning Working Group Amendment Suggestion 6 of 2025

Edit Sec 405.21.C. Home Occupation

No more than 2015% of the floor area of the principal building, and no more than 500 square feet of floor area of an accessory building, shall be devoted to the activity.

City of Kingston Zoning Working Group

Amendment Suggestion 7 of 2025

Edit Sec 405.17 E Pedestrian-Oriented Sign Standards

Materials. All permanent, on-premises signs maybe may be constructed of a rigid, weatherable material such as wood (painted or natural); metal (copper, brass, aluminum, galvanized steel); painted / engraved directly on façade surface; glass; neon; or hard plastic. Canvas may be used for awning material. Vinyl may be used for windows signs.

g. Window Signs		
Area (max)	25% of window area	 Description. A sign intended to be painted on, applied to, of displayed in, a storefront window or door area.
Quantity	21 per window	 One Two window signs is are permitted per shopfront window.
		A maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of a window can be used for window signs.

[As needed, update Article 3 Transect Standards to Reflect Edit Made]

b. Hanging Signs

1. Signs must be stabilized so as not to swing.

Edit Section 4017 J. Temporary signs

The erection, installation or maintenance of temporary signs, as defined herein, is hereby prohibited, except for the following:

- 1. A temporary sign, not exceeding 15 square feet in area, which is erected by a municipal, charitable, political or nonprofit organization is permitted for a period not to exceed 30 days.
- 2. A single temporary sign, not exceeding 32 square feet in area, which announces anticipated occupancy of a site or building or identifies the contractors, architects, engineers, etc., on a

- building under construction, shall be permitted until a building is completed and a certificate of occupancy is issued.
- 3. Banners for special announcements, such as grand openings for businesses, with a limit of 30 days may be placed on the exterior of any building. All banners must be dated. All other temporary signs made of cardboard, paper, canvas or similar impermanent materials may not be placed on the exterior of any building.
- 3.4. Temporary window coverings associated with new construction or renovations, up to 100% of the window area, provided that site plan approval has been granted, as applicable, and that the building safety officer or their designee has granted the building a building permit that remains active.

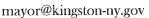
THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: HOUSING INITIATIVES DAT	TE:		
Description: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ZONING CODE	405 THE KINGSTON FORM-I	BASED)
Signature			
Motion by	Committee Vote	YES	NO
Action Required:	Michele Hirsch, Chairman, Ward 9		
SEQRA Decision: Type I Action Type II Action	Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3		
Unlisted Action Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance:	Sara Pasti, Ward 1		
Conditioned Negative Declaration: Seek Lead Agency Status:	Teryl Mickens, Ward 2		
Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance:	Robert Dennison, Ward 6		

CITY OF KINGSTON

Office of the Mayor





Steven T. Noble Mayor



May 1st, 2025

Honorable Andrea Shaut President/Alderman-at-Large Kingston Common Council 420 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Schwenk Drive Designation

Dear President Shaut,

I am reaching out with a request to review a recommendation to change the transect designation for parcels along Schwenk Drive.

As you are aware, Schwenk Drive is a four-lane suburban-style roadway with buildings on either side that are inconsistent with many of the guidelines that are now prescribed under the form-based zoning. At the same time, due to the street's location within the Stockade Business District, the area has elements that clearly accommodate new residential and commercial growth.

All parcels with frontages along Schwenk Drive currently have the T5 Neighborhood designation. However, I believe this area can and should be an extension of the Uptown Business District, becoming a walkable and vibrant urban main street that provides commercial uses and medium-to-high density building types. Therefore, I would like to propose that the transect of this area be changed to T5 Main Street.

Now is the time to make this change for two reasons:

- 1) Reconfiguration of Schwenk Drive into a walkable and safe complete street was one of the projects proposed under the Stockade Business District's DRI funding. While this project was ultimately not selected for funding, I believe changing the transect of this area would help the City to raise the necessary funds and make the business case to complete this important project.
- 2) There are currently at least three properties for sale on Schwenk Drive: 111, 130, and 142. Collectively, this represents a tremendous opportunity to reshape the built environment on this corridor.

Changing the designation would allow for buildings with larger footprints and smaller setbacks from the street, and encourage commercial frontages.

The list of properties that could be included in this change are Rear Frog Alley (owned by Central Hudson as a substation), 85 Schwenk, 95 Schwenk, 129 Schwenk, 111 Schwenk, 130 Schwenk, and 142 Schwenk.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Noble

Mayor

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CITY OF KINGSTON

Office of the Mayor





Steven T. Noble Mayor

May 1st, 2025

Honorable Andrea Shaut President/Alderman-at-Large Kingston Common Council 420 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Bench Naming Policy

Dear President Shaut,

In 2007, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Common Council agreed on a park re-naming policy, as well as memoriam items such as park benches, trees, and plaques.

The Director of Parks and Recreation has received numerous requests for benches and trees from individuals looking to donate in memoriam or in honor of someone. After speaking with the commission, we believe that it is time to update this policy to allow for the Parks and Recreation Department to allow individuals to sponsor benches, trees and other small park amenities for lost loved ones or Kingston residents who have made a positive impact on our community. By removing these items from the re-naming policy, it will allow for a sponsorship program to be created and cut down on the time it takes for an applicant to receive approval to donate a bench, tree or other small park amenity.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Noble

Mayor

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Resolution 200 of 2007

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE RE-NAMING OF CITY PARKS OR AREAS, AS WELL AS MEMORIAM ITEMS SUCH AS PARK BENCHES, TREES AND PLAQUES

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Alderman DiBella, Madsen, Cahill

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has produced a policy which addresses the re-naming of City parks or area, as well as memoriam items such as park benches, trees and plaques; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking approval of such policy; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to approve the policy of the Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the action is categorized under 6 NYCRR, Part 617.5 (c) (20) as Type II.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION-1. That the Common Council hereby approves the policy of the Parks and Recreation Commission as presented addressing the issue of re-naming City parks or areas, as well as memoriam items such as park benches, trees and plaques.

SECTION-2. That a negative declaration of environmental significance is not needed pursuant to 6 NYCRR, Part 617.5 (c) (20), Type II.

SECTION-3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this day of November, 2007 Rathy Janeczek, Dity Clerk	Approved by the Mayor this, day of, 2007 James M. Sottile, Mayor
Adopted by Council on November 14	, 2007.

Policy for Monuments, Memorials and Plaques For Public Spaces Including Parks and Buildings Under the Jurisdiction of the City of Kingston Parks and Recreation Commission

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Commission hereinafter ("Commission") finds it necessary to enact a policy with respect to those situations where a requests are being made with respect to the re-naming of monuments, memorials, plaques, parks, and buildings which fall under the control of the Commission; and

Whereas, the Commission has researched this issue and wishes to formulate a policy which is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Kingston and recognizing that any applications which requests name changes of these items hereinbefore mentioned are a serious matter and one that should be undertaken after serious deliberation before the Commission can decide to agree to any such request.

Now, therefore, it is hereby agreed as follows:

- 1. The proposed person, event or organization which is being memorialized or honored should be deemed significant enough to merit such an honor.
- 2. For the purpose of re-naming monuments, memorials, plaques, parks, and buildings for an individual said person should have been deceased for at least one year and should have made important and meaningful contributions to the item which is sought to be named or re-named. With respect to an organization likewise said organization must have provided an important and meaningful contribution to the City of Kingston and the Parks and Recreation in the City.
- 3. Any memorial proposed to be created or to be re-named must represent broad community interests and values and must be supported by the community or the family members the memorial honors. In addition, it should have significant importance to future generations in the City of Kingston.
- 4. Any location being considered for a memorial must be in the opinion of the Commission a suitable location considering the area in which it will be located within said park or location.
- 5. The memorial must be designed by an individual who has considerable experience in designing the same so that it is aesthetically pleasing and consistent with the pre-existing park, building, etc.
- 6. Any name change to be considered will be reserved for persons or organizations who through example and substantial effort has made a lasting and important contribution to the item sought to be named or re-named. In connection with any such

application written and verifiable background information must be provided by the applicant regarding their proposed honorees. Written permission from family members must be provided which provides proof that the family is in accord with any such application.

- 7. The proposal must be written and the applicant must utilize the application provided by the Commission, if any, and must detail the application as requested. The proposal shall further outline in detail the specific purpose and concept related to the proposal. It shall further provide details as to the design of the memorial including design, concept, size, wording, sketches or models and a long term maintenance plan.
- 8. The written proposal must also include the proposed costs related to the design, manufacturing, insulation, site preparation and all other relevant concerns.
- The applicant must submit a plan which outlines how the memorial or plaque, etc. shall be funded as well as any other requested information related to the matter.
- 10. Following the review of the completed application, the Commission shall make a recommendation in writing to the Mayor setting forth whether any such application is either accepted or denied. The Commission shall have full authority to require that all applicants supply such additional information as from time to time may be necessary to act on any such application. Implicit is the right of the Commission to make suggestions to the applicant with respect to any proposal which in the opinion of the Commission would be more suitable.
- 11. The Commission or the Mayor may require a public hearing to assist in determining of the application is appropriate and consistent with the best interests of the City of Kingston.
 - 12. No park or facility currently named after an individual may be changed.
- 13. The Commission agrees that if they intend to amend this policy in any significant way, they are obligated to make application to the Common Council of the City of Kingston.
- 14. It is understood that it shall be necessary for Common Council to approve any application made in accordance with this policy.

Respectfully Submitted

Parks and Recreation Commission City of Kingston November 14, 2007

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Resolution to Save Neighborhood Social Security Offices, Medicare and Medicaid

Whereas, neighborhood Social Security offices and employees have faithfully served the public in communities across the country since 1935, providing the strongest protection for millions of americans against falling into poverty,

Whereas local Social Security offices, staffed with trained civil servants across the nation provides service to millions of Americans each year, in person and by telephone,

Whereas 67 million Americans receive Social Security Benefits, including 9.7 million recipients of Social Security are veterans who have faithfully served this country,

Whereas millions of veterans and their families depend on their monthly checks from Social Security for housing and food,

Whereas older adults are the fastest growing population of homelessness, including thousands of veterans and families.

Whereas staffing at the Social Security Administration has fallen to a 50 year low while workloads have increased, with more than 11,000 Americans reaching retirement age each day,

Whereas the current Administration has announced a plan to cut staff dramatically to take federal tax dollars from our communities and transfer those dollars to billionaires by reducing their taxes,

Whereas cutting costs leads to closing neighborhood Social Security offices, dozens have already been announced, leaving dedicated public servants without a job and constituents with nowhere to turn to,

Whereas millions of American depend on nearby offices for filing for benefits, resolving problems with payments, work records, generating SSN's, providing replacement SSN cards, income and award letters and applications for retirement, disability and SSI,

Whereas more than 79 million Americans receive Medicaid and the proposed House budget resolution in 2025 plans steep cuts to provide tax breaks for oligarchs and billionaires,

Whereas Medicare serves more than 68 million Americans and is targeted for cuts by the current Administration, to cut taxes on the richest among us,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Kingston Common Council commits to opposing the closure of local Social Security offices, and staffing cuts.

SECTION 2. That this body supports robust staffing and local office facilities to serve the public in a timely manner in this community and all communities across the state and nation.

SECTION 3. That this body will oppose state and federal cuts in Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security benefits.

SECTION 4. The Kingston Common Council urges our federal representatives to demand the reopening of a Social Security Office in the City of Kingston.

SECTION 5. that this body will support House Bills, introduced March 5, 2025, "Keeping Our field Offices Open Act" (HR 1876), "Protecting Americans Social Security Data Act" (HR 1877) and S. 770, "The Social Security Expansion Act" (HR 1700).

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk, Elisa Tinti, will send this resolution to Congressman Patrick Ryan and Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.