

Wednesday, May 21st, at 6:30 PM.
LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Kingston Point Beach SEQR - J. Noble
2. PRRIA- Packaging Reduction Recycling Infrastructure Act – J. Noble
3. Edits to the Form-Based Code - B. Starodaj
4. Schwenk Dr. Designation - Mayor Noble
5. Bench Naming Policy - Mayor Noble
6. Memorializing Resolution for Social Security Offices - Alderman Tierney

OLD BUSINESS

1. Food Trucks- Ald. Edwards

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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

Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project:

Date:

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Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
City of Kingston Common Council	4/14/2025
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

PRINT FORM

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Kingston Point Beach Swimming Facilities			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 50 Delaware Avenue, Kingston, NY Location is a public beach on the North side of Delaware Avenue.			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The City of Kingston will 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. The project consists of building multi-tiered raised beach terraces, a boat (kayak) launch on the west side, a pier on the east side, and a promenade between the parking lot and the beach.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Julie Noble, City of Kingston		Telephone: 845-481-7339 E-Mail: julielnoble@kingston-ny.gov	
Address: 467 Broadway			
City/PO: Kingston		State: NY	Zip Code: 12401
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.		NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYSDEC Article 15 and Article 24, USACE Individual Permit, NYSDOS Coastal Consistency, NYSOGS, SHPO		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		10.57 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		1.72 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		95.27 acres	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Urban</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture)</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Forest</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aquatic</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify):</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland</div> </div>			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
Not applicable. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ Hudson River, the project would include the construction of a wetland cove and a pedestrian pier. The wetland cove would be about 22,500 square feet, creating a new wetland on part of the existing sand beach, allowing water from the river to enter the wetland at mean tide and high water levels. The pier would extend 8 foot wide by 50-60 feet into the river, on pilings above the water, out of the navigable channel.			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stormwater will either infiltrate into the sandy beach on site or into the existing conveyance system within the existing parking area on site.		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Julie L. Noble</u> Date: <u>4/14/2025</u>		
Signature: <u>Julie L. Noble</u> Title: <u>Project Manager</u>		

RESOLUTION ____ OF 2025

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NY, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY AND SEEK A COORDINATED REVIEW FOR THE NYSWIMS KINGSTON POINT BEACH SWIMMING FACILITIES PROJECT

Sponsored By: _____ Committee: Aldermen _____

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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.; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of building multi-tiered raised beach terraces, a boat (kayak) launch, a pier, and a promenade between the parking lot and the beach; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston has completed Parts 1 and 2 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form for the Kingston Point Beach Swimming Facilities Project; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made for the Common Council of the City of Kingston to be lead agency for the Kingston Point Beach Swimming Facilities Project; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing 6 NYCRR 617 it has been determined that the Project is an Unlisted Action under SEQR, and is not on the Type 1 or Type II lists; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated review would be appropriate as the project involves funding from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and involves regulated coastal areas.

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

SECTION-1. That the Common Council of the City of Kingston makes a determination that the project is subject to SEQR as an "unlisted" action,

SECTION-2. That a coordinated review will involve other agencies,

SECTION-3. That the Common Council of the City of Kingston makes a declaration of its intent to serve as lead agency and to seek a coordinated review with interested/involved agencies per 6 NYCRR 617.6(a).

SECTION-4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

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Kingston Point Beach Swimming Facilities Upgrades Project

NARRATIVE

Please find attached the Preliminary Design work that was done for this project. This includes cost estimates on page 115, as well as extensive community outreach through surveys and meetings.

Description

Kingston Point is a public riverfront recreational park and preserved natural lands along the Hudson River. Once the site of Kingston Point Park with its merry-go-round, dance hall, and other recreational amenities, it has been a cherished and valued oasis and natural public asset in Kingston for well over one hundred years. In its current form and together with Kingston Rotary Park, it contains a public beach with parking (Kingston Point Beach), a playground, a baseball diamond, a BMX track, naturalized areas with trails and picnic shelters, and a tourist trolley station, all surrounded by a tidal wetland to the south.

This project considers the need to examine Kingston Point as a site demonstrating a complex interplay of a shifting and changing estuarine ecosystem due to sea level rise and the City's need to provide accessible recreational lands, protect its valuable natural resources, and maintain economic viability. The overall vision of the project is to create a well-connected and resilient Kingston Point which can remain a viable public and natural asset for Kingston for decades to come. At Kingston Point, unmitigated sea level rise is projected to inundate areas along the west and north, including the woodlands east of North Street, the existing parking lot area, and the beach, effectively cutting off Kingston Point from the mainland shore.

A primary objective unique to this project is to promote resiliency through the protection and management of natural resources and sensitive ecosystems, while protecting and reinforcing shorelines. Not only will the project help Kingston reduce vulnerability to sea level rise, it will also enable its communities to embrace and strengthen their relationships with their evolving natural environment in a larger context. The implementation of this proposed design would be innovative—the first of its kind in the Hudson River Valley if not regionally and beyond.

The project is in part inspired by the design ideas, research, and collaborative spirit set forth by the Climate Adaptive Design Studios of the Landscape Architecture Department at Cornell University. Over the last several years, students and faculty have been working with several cities along the lower Hudson River, including Kingston, to foster urban resilience and collectively envision climate adaptive measures for their communities in the face of sea level rise.

Kingston Point Beach is vulnerable due to the combination of sea level rise and the increased probability of storm surge from hurricanes and tropical storms. In the long-term, waterfront and shoreline structures and habitats will be damaged as a result of climate change if new adaptation measures are not implemented. Proper planning and design of Kingston's waterfront is critical to addressing these new challenges.

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Existing Conditions



Kingston Point Beach includes a heavily utilized beach, a brick debris shoreline to the west of the beach with materials generated from the historic Hutton Brickyard, and rock outcrops to the east of the beach. Upland forests are present on either side of the beach. It is a popular beach that attracts local Kingston residents as well as people from surrounding communities. The core uses of the area involve swimming, boat access, beach volleyball, lounging, and parking.

Sandy beaches remain stable when conditions of certain parameters such as nearby parent material, river velocity, bathymetry, and bank stability, are ideal and aligned. If conditions degrade due to changes in habitat, extreme weather, or climate change, beach geometries also change, generally leading to loss of sandy material or deposition of fines.

Existing shoreline conditions at Kingston Point Beach are somewhat degraded due to human activities, bank erosion, dumping, loss of native plants, and encroachment of invasive plant species. To sustain it as a popular amenity, the City of Kingston proposes to reinforce conditions by installing a set of protective barriers which will hold back material to prevent loss of sand. As river levels rise over time, these structures will continue to stabilize the near-shore areas and promote stability of the adjacent upland. It may still be necessary, however, to nourish the beach with additional sand in the future.

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Background

In September 2020, a project team, in partnership with the City of Kingston, successfully completed and submitted the Phase II Climate Adaptive Design project focused on Kingston Point to NEIWPC and the NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program (HREP). Our Phase II CaD project examined sea-level rise projections in conjunction with ecological and physiographic characteristics and assessed potential impacts to Kingston Point's overall health and public use. The team extrapolated potential sea level rise scenarios and developed a series of climate adaptation strategies which would enable Kingston Point to remain a viable and healthy recreational asset for the city. After a robust public engagement process which shared findings, adaptation strategies, potential pilot projects, and solicited feedback, Kingston Point Beach became the preliminary design site. After developing several concept design options for public feedback, a linear terracing concept that reinforces the beach while maintaining and providing additional recreational and ecological features became the final preliminary design.

The Kingston Point Beach Swimming Facilities Upgrades Project will continue this effort and develop the preliminary design into a finalized design with full bidding documents, technical specifications, implementation plans, and permitting approvals, as well as advance it through full project bidding and construction.

As a key public recreational and ecological asset for Kingston, and the beach being one of only four official NYS Department of Health swimming beaches on the Hudson River, the vulnerability of Kingston Point to sea level rise is a tangible threat to the health and way of life of the community. The potential loss of access to Kingston Point and its valuable estuarine habitats will eventually disconnect people from their unique natural environment and deprive underserved communities of access to this free natural recreational asset. The terraced reinforcement of the beach, and the accompanying habitat restoration work focused on ecosystem connectivity that links the east and west portions of the site, preserve the beach as a functioning recreational asset, and also serve to mitigate sea level rise impacts for the inland portions of Kingston Point. This is an innovative strategy that enables communities to continue to embrace and strengthen their relationships with their evolving natural environment in the face of climate change exposure.

Design

The City will use the existing preliminary design for Kingston Point Beach to release a Request for Proposals for final engineering designs. Using the resulting construction drawings and technical specifications, the City will then issue a Request for Bids for construction.

The team will also prepare and submit all applicable environmental permitting applications as necessary to obtain full approval for project implementation.

The configuration and layout of the linear terraces is the fundamental driver of the preliminary design concept. The multi-tiered raised terraces connect the two upland areas on either side of the existing beach to provide flood mitigation and protect the interior of

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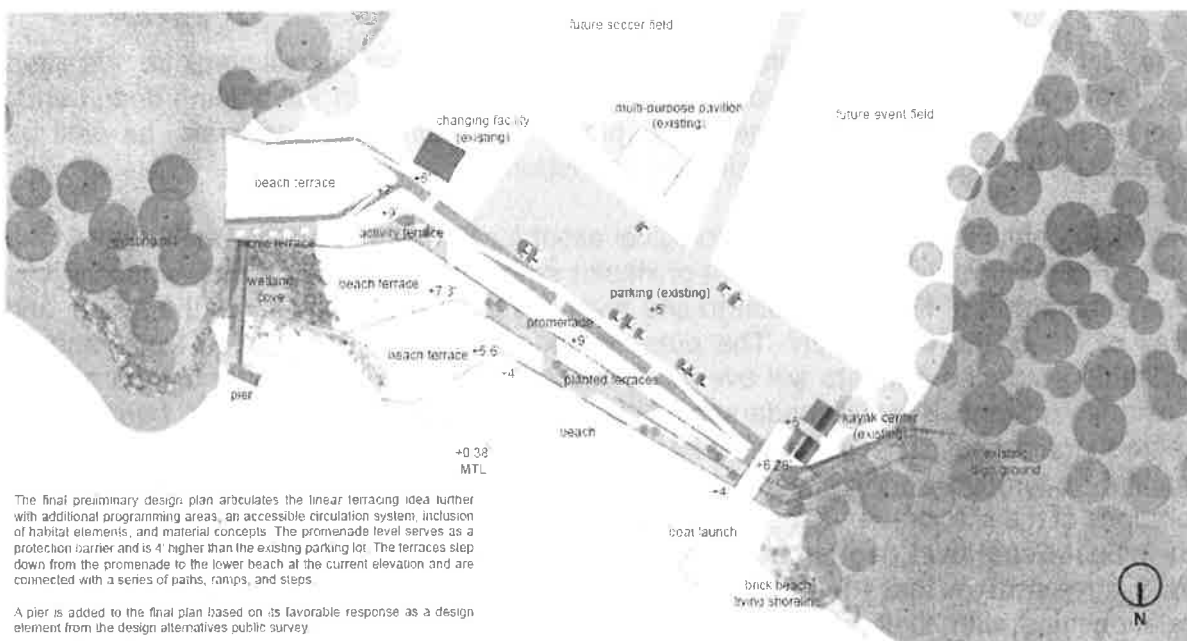
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Kingston Point against sea level rise. The terraces will be created and held by constructed seat wall height edges. The terraces can serve to encourage habitat creation and connections. By virtue of connecting the two naturalized upland areas on either side of the beach, it is possible to extend their presence onto the edges of the beach as added amenities and opportunities for environmental stewardship and education.

The terraces can also be designed to serve practical functions, such as seating elements along the beach, or to form a larger grandstand to provide platforms for a variety of recreational programs. Their orientation and layout can create larger spaces, which can accommodate beach volleyball courts for example, as well as smaller spaces suitable for planted areas or activity nooks for more intimate activities.

Proposed Design



Tasks

Task 1: Quality Assurance Project Plan

The project team will prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and submit it for review and approval prior to data collection activities. Please see note on QAPP timeframe limitation under *Task 4: Additional Site Assessment/Sampling* regarding endangered species surveys.

Task 2: Review Existing Information

The project team will revisit all existing information from the Phase II project and solicit and review additional plans, data, documentation, and reports from available sources.

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Task 3: Project Kick-off Meeting

The project team will organize, coordinate, and host a kick-off meeting with municipal and HREP staff to review preliminary designs for the site, identify information needs for the project, review schedule, and identify regulatory issues. The project team intends to conduct site visits.

Task 4: Additional Site Assessment and Sampling

The project team expects to perform the following key additional site assessment and samplings in order to advance the design:

- A comprehensive hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) study of the project area and immediate surroundings using a HEC-RAS 1D model to determine the effects of river flows, tidal influences, and potential ice scouring for terraced beach area.
- A comprehensive evaluation of sea level rise effects on the design by utilizing the Scenic Hudson Sea Level Rise Visual Mapper, the NOAA Sea Level Rise Mapper, and design criteria for sea level rise in NY State under 6 NYCRR Part 490, "Projected Sea Level Rise."
- Aquatic Resource Delineation for the project area and 100 feet landward.
- Habitat Assessment Report for flora, fauna, and endangered species.

In addition, topographic, bathymetric, and geotechnical surveys, including borings and a geotechnical report, will be completed. The team will also provide coordination for the SEQRA documentation, SHPO documentation, and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Task 5: Develop and Deliver Draft Engineering and Implementation Plan

The project team will deliver a draft design package which will include draft drawings with implementation plan, technical specifications, interpretive signage design, a Joint Application Form, and any other materials needed for environmental permitting for review by the State.

Drawings will include, but not be limited to: existing conditions plans, layout plans, proposed grading and excavation plans, material and furnishing plans, planting plans, site cross-sections, and site details. The implementation plan will include a preliminary project timeline, work sequence, staging, and other construction-related planning materials.

In addition to the design package, during this task, the project team proposes to:

- 1) Prepare and submit materials and hold a pre-application meeting with USACE NYSDEC to review compliance requirements; and
- 2) Develop an initial opinion of probable construction costs to align project direction and parameters with anticipated construction funding.

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Task 6: Coordinate Draft Review Meeting

Following the draft design package submission, the project team will organize and coordinate a meeting with the funder to present the current design, and review and discuss overall progress and subsequent steps for the project.

Task 7: Prepare Applications for Environmental Permits

A Joint Permit Application package (supported by a Joint Permit Application form and other tangible documents) will be prepared for the following permits: NYSDEC Article 15 for Protection of Waters/Excavation and Fill in Navigable waters; NYSDEC Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands permit; USACE Individual Permit; NYS Department of State (NYSDOS) Coastal Zone Federal Consistency Assessment Form and narrative; and NYS Office of General Services (NYSOGS). The application will incorporate SHPO and SEQRA coordination.

After submittal, the project team will coordinate one round of comments received from the agencies and public during the public notice processes. These comments will be responded to and the final engineering plans will be revised under Task 8 to address comments. Final permits obtained will be assembled, along with the plan sets that were approved. The project team will also be responsible for guiding the project through the permitting process with the NYS Department of Health for compliance with State regulations for public bathing beaches (NYCRR Title 10, Part 6, Sub-Part 6.2).

Task 8: Final Engineering Documents and Implementation Plan

The project team will deliver a final design package including final drawings with implementation plan, interpretive signage design, and technical specifications to the funder. The final design package will incorporate all revisions based on comments and feedback received from the client and permitting agencies and will include all materials necessary for the City to solicit construction bids, acquire regulatory approval, and begin construction. During this task, a final estimate of probable construction costs will be established to be included in the Final Report. Based upon the current scope, the project will result in an overall land disturbance that will exceed 1-acre. As such, the project will require coverage under the NYSDEC State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (GP-0-20-001), and preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) in accordance with NYSDEC requirements.

Task 9: Bid Process and Selection of Construction contractor

After the final design and construction documents have been approved by the Funder, the City will prepare and distribute a bid invitation to select a construction contractor, prepare addenda to answer questions submitted by bidders, and arrange and conduct a pre-bid meeting. The City will follow all proper procurement procedures in soliciting public bids for construction of the full project, including adherence to any MWBE goals or requirements. The City will review bids received, select the construction contractor, and prepare a draft contract or contract(s) if subcontractors are included.

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Task 10: Project Construction

The construction contractor will complete the construction as outlined in the engineering bid.

Task 11: Construction Administration, Construction Management, and Site Inspection

The City will issue a notice to proceed to the selected contractor. The contractor or its subcontractor(s) will notify the City in writing of work progress, including any delays that have occurred. The City will verify progress and completion of the work through periodic site inspections. Following each inspection, the contractor will submit written summaries of progress including photo documentation and identification of problems to be addressed. The City will review and approve the contractor's shop drawing submittals for conformance with the contract documents. The City will answer contractor's questions about contract documents and will amend contract documents by a documented change order as may be needed for significant changes. The contractor will issue field direction where minor clarification is needed.

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Question 6. Does the applicant plan on offering learn to swim programs and/or swimming lessons? Does the applicant plan on charging a fee or requiring a membership? Will residents and non-residents pay the same or different fees? On a separate document, please briefly describe your plan for learn to swim programs and/or swimming lessons and swimming fees.

The City of Kingston offers swim lessons at its municipal pool, *Andretta Pool*, three days per week in the summer. There is no fee or membership requirement for residents or non-residents to access *Andretta Pool*. Swim lessons are \$50 for the season for Kingston residents, and \$75 for the season for non-residents.

Swim lessons are not offered at Kingston Point Beach, nor are there plans to do so in the near future. There is no fee or membership requirement for residents or non-residents to access Kingston Point Beach.

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9. Please attach narrative and supporting documentation describing the groups served by the proposed project. Include as applicable: how the project meets the needs for an aging population; encourages participation by youth; responds to changes in composition of the population and social conditions of the community and/or ensures open and reasonable access to person of various abilities. Examples of supporting documentation may be news articles, community reports, requests and thanks from patrons, etc.

As one of only four official NYS Department of Health swimming beaches on the Hudson River, Kingston Point Beach is both a local and regional destination during all four seasons. At 500' x 150', the beach is relatively large; however, it is being lost to erosion and sea level rise daily. Located in the Downtown area of Kingston, it is accessible on the Ulster County Area Transit free and fully accessible public bus system line. The parking area is also the designated parking area for the NYS Empire Trail, which serves as a major non-motorized transportation connector for the region. The site hosts a formal bicycle shelter complete with bike tools and pump, which will remain through construction.

The facility is handicapped accessible with ample accessible parking, an accessible beach mat and chairs, and accessible changing facilities. The new reconstruction will maintain full accessibility as well as add a full water bathroom with access to potable drinking water, which is not currently available on site. The newly designed and engineered beach will be fully accessible to all ages regardless of ability, at all stages into the future, providing a free location for swimming, paddling, wading, and beach enjoyment well into the future, despite the impending sea level rise.

Kingston Point Beach has seen and responded to a large influx of users during and since the COVID pandemic, increasing occupancy greatly as a safe, free, outdoor recreation. As the urban center of Ulster County, Kingston is the most populated area and swells daily. The BIPOC and especially Latinx population is also greatly and rapidly increasing, and this facility hosts a strong diversity of community members daily, being an open and inclusive facility. The use of the pavilion, soccer field, playground, and bike amenities enhances the experience for the user, especially youth. These facilities will remain after construction.

As a community that is largely a disadvantaged community, with 24,000 residents in the city and 180,000 in Ulster County, this river-front site is a sought after respite from the heat and hustle and bustle of the inner city, and by advancing this project, it will ensure the site will be available in perpetuity.

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation: Sustainability Office DATE: 5/14/2025

Description:

A resolution that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, the City of Kingston Common Council hereby determines that the Kingston Point Beach Swimming Facilities Project is an Unlisted action under SEQR and declares the intent so serve as Lead Agency under a coordinated review.

No financial impact.

Signature 

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Action Required:

SEQRA Decision:

Type I Action _____

Type II Action _____

Unlisted Action _____

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<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
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Teryl Mickens, Ward 2		
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Tinti, Elisa

From: Noble, Julie
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 10:22 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Noble, Steve; Timbrouck, Lynsey; Graves-Poller, Barbara; Marie Miller; Brittany Cattaruzza; Jake Strauss; Judith Enck and Rebecca Martin, Beyond Plastics
Subject: Communication from Climate Smart Kingston re: PRRIA
Attachments: Resolution in Support of Packaging Reduction_COK.docx

Good morning President Shaut,

Please find, attached, a draft resolution for the consideration of the Laws and Rules Committee, on behalf of the Climate Smart Kingston Commission, urging the Common Council to support the NYS Assembly and NYS Senate bills on the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act.

Climate Smart appreciates your consideration. As Chair, I will be in attendance at the May 21 Laws and Rules meeting to speak to this.

Thanks,
Julie

Julie L. Noble
City of Kingston
Project Manager
Sustainability Coordinator
Climate Smart Kingston Commission Chair
467 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401
845-481-7339

RESOLUTION ____ of 2025

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE TO PASS A STRONG PACKAGING REDUCTION AND RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE ACT ([SENATE BILL 1464/ASSEMBLY BILL 1749](#))

WHEREAS, packaging makes up approximately 40% of the waste in New York state, and;

WHEREAS, managing waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and;

WHEREAS, most plastic packaging is not recyclable, and reusable and refillable packaging systems are not widely available, and;

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution, including litter and use of toxic chemicals, and;

WHEREAS, companies that produce packaging should be responsible for the costs of managing packaging waste, not just taxpayers, and;

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, pending in the New York Assembly and the New York Senate, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in packaging, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions, and;

WHEREAS, the Kingston Climate Action Plan specifically addresses the importance of responsible solid waste management and managing resources sustainably, and;

WHEREAS, the adoption of this bill would enable the City of Kingston to further achieve our sustainability mission by reducing the production of solid waste and educating the community on sustainable practices.

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 urges the New York state legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, Senate Bill 1464/Assembly Bill 1749, and;

SECTION-2. That the City of Kingston shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the local state assemblymember, the local state senator, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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CITY OF KINGSTON
Office of Housing Initiatives

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 hereby 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
of _____ 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day
of _____ 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

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 or 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**

~~§ 347-1 Planning 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 and 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.

~~§ 347-4 Consulting 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.

B.

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	X	X	X	X							X	X	X
Wall Mural Sign	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X
Projecting Sign	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Marquee Sign	X	X												
Hanging Sign	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Awning Sign	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Canopy Sign	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X
Window Sign	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Sidewalk Sign	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Yard/Porch					X		X							

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

Add to 405.5.B. Transect District Dimensional Standards Summary

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

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[illegible]

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 Height	16' min Historic districts: 16' corner min, mid-block contextual min	14'min Historic districts: 14' corner min, mid-block contextual min	12' min	14' min Historic districts: 14' corner min, mid-block contextual min	9'min	9' 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 ~~20~~¹⁵% 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

1. **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	1. Description. A sign intended to be painted on, applied to, or displayed in, a storefront window or door area. 2. One Two window signs is are permitted per shopfront window. 3. A maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of a window can be used for window signs.
Quantity	24 per window	

[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

DATE: _____

Description:

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

Signature _____

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Action Required:

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CITY OF KINGSTON

Office of the Mayor

mayor@kingston-ny.gov

LR

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

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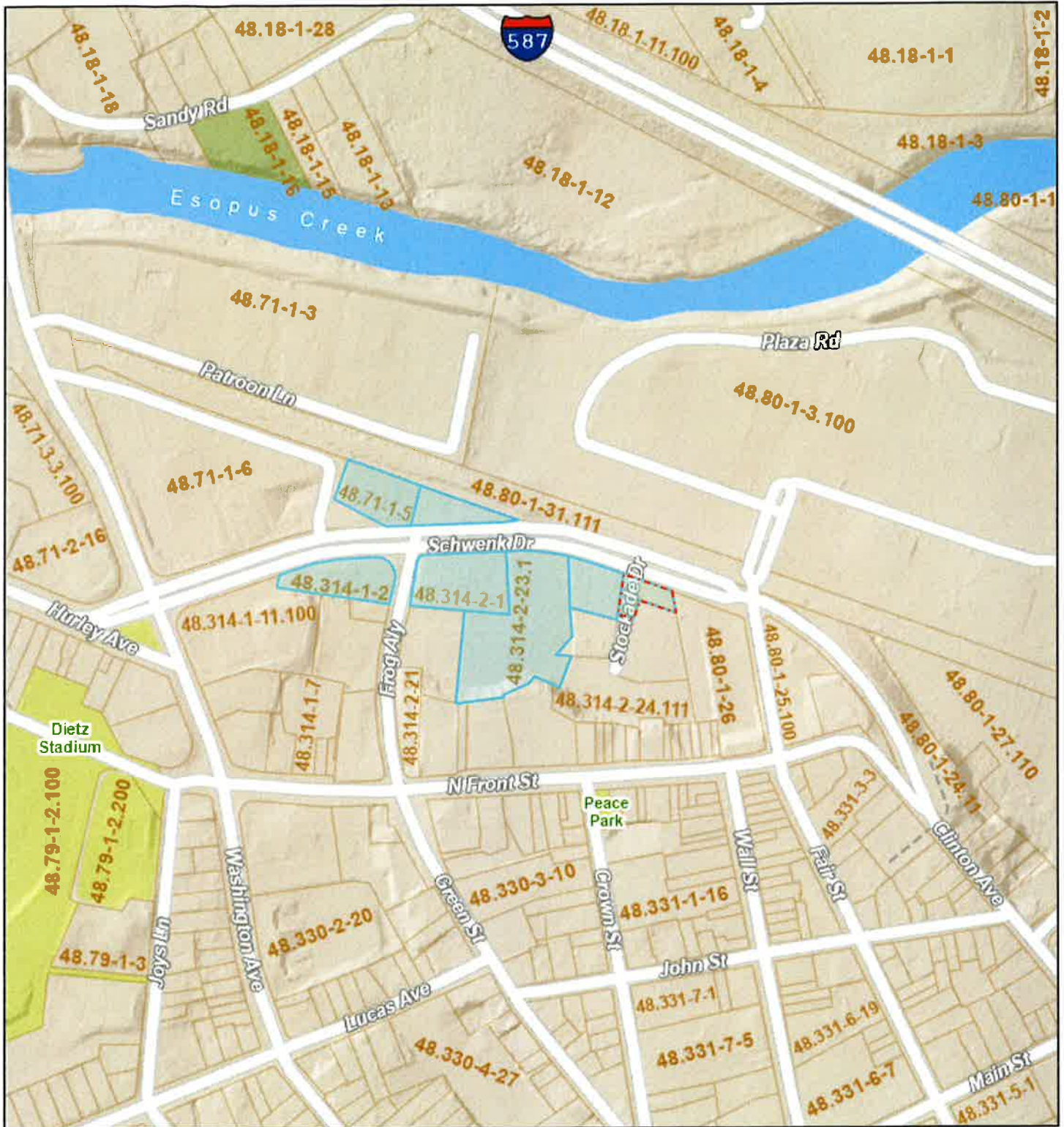
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Mayor

Ulster County Parcel Viewer



May 7, 2025

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RESOLUTION ____ of 2025

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, REFERRING A REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTIES ALONG SCHWENK DRIVE TO T5 MAIN STREET TO THE CITY OF KINGSTON PLANNING BOARD, ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD, AND THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Sponsored by:

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

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WHEREAS, in the form-based code, the intent of the T5 Main Street transect is to provide “A walkable, vibrant urban main street serving multiple neighborhoods and the City with commercial, retail, entertainment and civic uses, public transportation, and small-to-large footprint, medium-to-high density building type”; and

WHEREAS, T5 Main Street designation allows for larger building footprints and encourages more commercial frontages; and

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SECTION 4: That the Kingston Common Council sets a public hearing date for the affixed proposal.

SECTION 5: That the City Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing to be mailed to the property owners of each property located within the area proposed to be rezoned and to the property owners of each parcel contiguous to the area proposed to be rezoned.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day
of _____ 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day
of _____ 2025

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

Properties to change the zoning designation to T5 Main Street:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Parcel Address</u>
48.314-2-24.112	NYSUT Building Corporation	85 Schwenk Dr
48.314-2-2.100	CMRC LLC	95 Schwenk Dr
48.314-2-23.1	714 Hooper Properties LLC	111 Schwenk Dr
48.314-2-1	Ulster Federal Credit Union	129 Schwenk Dr
48.71-1-4	Rondout Savings Bank	130 Schwenk Dr
48.71-1-5	Rondout Savings Bank	142 Schwenk Dr
48.314-1-2	Central Hudson Corp	REAR Frog Aly

RESOLUTION ____ of 2025

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SECTION 3: That the Kingston Common Council refers the affixed proposal to rezone Rear Frog Alley, 85 Schwenk, 95 Schwenk, 129 Schwenk, 111 Schwenk, 130 Schwenk, and 142 Schwenk from T5 Neighborhood to T5 Main Street to the County Planning Board and asks the Planning Board to provide a final report within 30 days in accordance with § 405.8 M.

SECTION 4: That the Kingston Common Council sets a public hearing date for the affixed proposal.

SECTION 5: That the City Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing to be mailed to the property owners of each property located within the area proposed to be rezoned and to the property owners of each parcel contiguous to the area proposed to be rezoned.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this _____ day
of _____ 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this _____ day
of _____ 2025

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

Properties to change the zoning designation to T5 Main Street:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Parcel Address</u>
48.314-2-24.112	NYSUT Building Corporation	85 Schwenk Dr
48.314-2-2.100	CMRC LLC	95 Schwenk Dr
48.314-2-23.1	714 Hooper Properties LLC	111 Schwenk Dr
48.314-2-1	Ulster Federal Credit Union	129 Schwenk Dr
48.71-1-4	Rondout Savings Bank	130 Schwenk Dr
48.71-1-5	Rondout Savings Bank	142 Schwenk Dr
48.314-1-2	Central Hudson Corp	REAR Frog Aly

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

LAWS & RULES
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: HOUSING INITIATIVES

DATE: _____

Description:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, REFERRING A REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTIES ALONG SCHWENK DRIVE TO T5 MAIN STREET TO THE CITY OF KINGSTON PLANNING BOARD, ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD, AND THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Signature _____

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Action Required:

SEQRA Decision:

Type I Action _____

Type II Action _____

Unlisted Action _____

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

Conditioned Negative Declaration: _____

Seek Lead Agency Status: _____

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Michele Hirsch, Chairman, Ward 9		
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3		
Sara Pasti, Ward 1		
Teryl Mickens, Ward 2		
Robert Dennison, Ward 6		

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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

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.

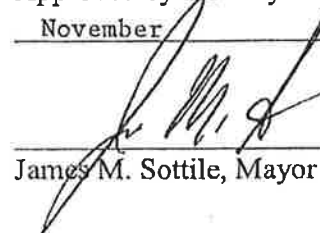
SECTION-2. That a negative declaration of environmental significance is not needed pursuant to 6 NYCRR, Part 617.5 (c) (20), Type II.

SECTION-3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this 10th day of
November, 2007


Kathy Janeczek, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this 19 day of
November, 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.

9. 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 if 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 11:32 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Edwards, Jeanne
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Food trucks

Good morning, Elisa,

Can you add the following email to my communication folder?

Thank you!

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

From: jeanne tavis <bluinative66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 12:30 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Food trucks

Good morning madam president

I would like to bring back to the table, about the food trucks. This is a public safety issue and I really needed to be put back on the table for a law to be put into place.

Thank you

Jeanne Edwards

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Perry, Vincent
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:14 PM
To: Alderman
Subject: Downs St. food trailer
Attachments: PXL_20250311_105346245.MP.jpg; PXL_20250311_105335016.MP.jpg

Members of the Common Council,

I have begun to receive an increased amount of complaints recently in regard to the food trailer and delivery truck parked on Downs St. These vehicles are parked in a manner that present safety concerns for neighbors. I have attached photos from the exit of the former sea deli parking lot that exits on to Downs St. A driver has no line of vision to see oncoming traffic, pedestrians, or cyclists.

Customers often times park illegally in the "No Parking Here to Corner" zones at that intersection which causes an obstruction of traffic. The nature of business being conducted at the food trailer attracts considerable pedestrian traffic. These pedestrians are at great risk from vehicles turning on to Downs St. from Broadway. Neighbors have also mentioned in their complaints that business is sometimes being done past 11 pm some evenings.

Parking Enforcement has written a significant amount of tickets in the "No Parking Here to Corner" zones on both sides of Downs St. at the corner of Broadway and Downs and in the "No Parking Between Signs" zone located in front of the Masjid Umar Mosque at 15 Downs St. Unfortunately, the increased enforcement during work hours has done nothing to deter the lack of compliance as the issue persists throughout the evening and early mornings.

I believe addressing the food trailer would be the beginning of resolving this safety issue. I have directed the complainants to reach out to Ward 4 Alderwoman, Jeannie Edwards or attend the next Common Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Vincent Perry
Parking Supervisor
(845) 943-0123