

JUNE 2025 Public Safety Meeting
Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30 pm.

1. CAC Update
2. Memorializing Resolution Urging DEC to Establish New Regulations Regarding Landfill Leachate - E. Hauser
3. No Left Turn on St. James - Mayor Noble
4. Update from Building Safety - S. Knox
5. Stop Sign on Greenkill - Alderwoman Edwards
6. No Parking Signage on Green-Maiden - Alderman Tierney
7. Removal of ADA Signage at 41 Elmendorf St. - Alderwoman Edwards
8. Removal of handicap parking on Hone Street-Ald. Hirsch



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Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 1:46 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Freshwater Wetlands

Hi Elisa,

Can you add this email and link to my communications folder?

Thank you!

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

From: Emilie Hauser <eehauser@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 6:54 PM
To: Dennison, Bob <Ward6@kingston-ny.gov>; Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>; Edwards, Jeanne <Ward4@kingston-ny.gov>; Mickens, Teryl <Ward5@kingston-ny.gov>; Hirsch, Michele <Ward9@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Freshwater Wetlands

<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/waterbodies/wetlands/freshwater-wetlands-program>

Emilie Hauser
Kingston CAC

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Resolution No. xx DATE

Urging The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation To Initiate The Rulemaking Process And Establish New Regulations Under 6 NYCRR, Parts 360 & 363 For The Onsite Treatment And Disposal Of Landfill Leachate

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston is a leader in responsible environmental stewardship and policies to protect its residents and unique ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, according to NYS GIS Clearinghouse data there are nearly 50 sites in Ulster County classified as “Inactive Solid Waste Landfills”; and

WHEREAS, landfills contain numerous toxic substances which, without adequate rules and regulations in place for their proper management and oversight, are significant environmental hazards and pose serious risks to public health; and

WHEREAS, landfill leachate contains heavy metals, pesticides, and petroleum-based, synthetic chemicals used in industrial processes, manufacturing, consumer goods and plastics, and has been highlighted as a significant threat to drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Part 360.2 (166) defines Leachate as “any solid waste in the form of a liquid, including any suspended components, that results from contact with waste”; and

WHEREAS, in June 2023, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) hosted a virtual stakeholder meeting to present initial concepts for managing municipal solid waste landfill leachate and solicit feedback for future rulemaking; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the meeting the NYS DEC’s 2024 Regulatory Agenda pledged to open the rulemaking process for these new regulations by year-end, which has not yet occurred; and

WHEREAS, a 2024/2025 report published by the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers Leachate Collaborative entitled *The Threat of Landfill Leachate to Drinking Water in the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers* exposes regulatory gaps that allow untreated landfill leachate to be sent to municipal sewage treatment plants (STPs) which discharge the landfill leachate and the highly concentrated contaminants it contains directly into the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers; and

WHEREAS, these Rivers serve as drinking water sources for approximately 368,000 people, with 10,000 Ulster County residents dependent on the Hudson River

for their drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the report further revealed that from 2019 to 2023 an estimated 89 million gallons of landfill leachate were discharged annually into the Hudson River Estuary and Mohawk River; and

WHEREAS, while modern landfills implement measures to contain leachate and protect nearby groundwater, once collected, leachate is often transported to municipal STPs that operate facilities designed for sewage: not the toxic substances in leachate, leaving the harmful contaminants untreated and discharged into waterways, further burdening downstream municipalities with the removal of these contaminants through drinking water treatment plants at significant financial cost; and

WHEREAS, the current regulatory system is failing to adequately address the leachate problem which requires a new waste management regime to protect the public and shift cost burdens away from municipalities and back to polluters; and

WHEREAS, the rulemaking process would allow various stakeholders to collaborate in designing a system that is both equitable and efficient.; and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Kingston hereby joins with the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers Leachate Coalition, City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, and other elected officials and concerned citizens to urge the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to immediately initiate the rulemaking process to review and establish new regulations under 6 NYCRR Parts 360 & 363 regarding the effective management, treatment, and disposal of landfill leachate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a 90-day public comment period in connection with this proposed rulemaking be accommodated to ensure meaningful public participation; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the City of Kingston shall forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Bureau of Solid Waste Management Director Joseph O'Connell, Chair of the New York State Senate Environmental Conservation Committee Peter Harckham, Chair of the New York State Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee Deborah Glick, and all Ulster County elected State Assemblymembers and Senators, and moves its adoption.

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Office of the Mayor

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor

May 27th, 2025

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

Re: St. James Street Left Turn

Dear President Shaut,

I am requesting that a No Left Turn sign be placed at the intersection of Broadway and East St. James Street to indicate that southbound travelers on Broadway cannot turn left onto East St. James Street. This is necessary as individuals stopping to attempt a left is leading to vehicles backing up into the traffic circle and causing negative impacts to the flow of the traffic circle.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

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Tinti, Elisa

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From: Pasti, Sara
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 8:45 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Communication Regarding Inviting the Director of Building Safety & Zoning to Speak to the Appropriate Committee

Dear President Shaut,

Please accept this message as a communication to be placed on the agenda of the appropriate committee. I wish to **extend** an invitation to the **Director** of Building Safety and Zoning to attend a committee meeting to **discuss** building code violations and their enforcement. Specifically, it would be useful to know what complaints Council members receive from their constituents are code violations that can be addressed by Building Safety and Zoning or another City of Kingston **department**, what **complaints** are to be addressed by a New York State department or agency, or to be **addressed** by the property owners and/or landlords.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sara Pasti

Ward 1 Alderwoman
Kingston Common Council
(845) 392-2519

Material from the Building Dept for Committee meeting-

1. Organization chart with names and titles
2. Number of open Building Permits
3. Number of unresolved violations
4. Number of building Code violations open – Both new construction and existing buildings
5. Turn around time to obtain a building permit.
6. Number of Permits issued a year.

Questions we want to discuss;

Describe the building permit process.

Describe the building code violation process for an existing building

Describe the process for a zoning code violation.

Describe the self-certification process for a building permit.

Are there enough resources in the Building/Zoning Department?

What is the turnover rate in the Department?

Are people available to back fill for staff losses?

What can the Common Council do to make things easier in the Department?

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Edwards, Jeanne
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 7:00 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: stop sign

Good afternoon,

I am bringing to your attention about a building on the corner of Greenkill Ave and Iwo Jima has had Three hits to their building by cars that do not stop at that corner. The owner is asking for a stop Sign to be put up. Many accidents have been on that corner. I sent paper work for you to read. I would like public safety to pass this request.

Thank you

Jeanne Edwards
Alderman, Ward 4
64 Liberty St.
Kingston, NY 12401
845-242-2533

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Tinti, Elisa

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From: Tierney, Michael
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 5:09 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Communication for June Committee Meetings: No Parking Signs
Attachments: No Parking Sign Aerial.png; Green-Maiden 2023 Google Street View.JPG

Good Afternoon President Shaut,

Please accept this as a communication for the appropriate Committee. I would like to add No Parking Here to Corner signs on both sides of Green Street beyond the 15 feet in the Code. Presently, cars park all the way to the corner and within the intersection of Green and Maiden, making it difficult for vehicles to navigate, particularly commercial vehicles. This has lead to delivery trucks mounting the curb of 29 Green Street, damaging street trees as well as the property owners' bluestone sidewalks. This has also caused damage to the relatively new curb cuts installed at this intersection at 28 Green Street as well as a damage a City fire hydrant.

I have attached an aerial image of where the new signs would be most appropriate, as well as a 2023 Google Street View image of a car parked in the intersection. I have site photos I took as well, which I will send under separate cover before the Committee meeting.

Thank You,
Michael Tierney
Alderman, Ward 2
Ward2@kingston-ny.gov
845-768-6781
Finance & Audit Committee
Community Development & Housing Committee

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Edwards, Jeanne
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Sign removal

Hi Elisa,

Can you add this to email to my communication folder?

Thank you!

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

From: jeanne tavis <bluinative66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 1:51 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Sign removal

Good afternoon Madame President,

41 Elmendorf Street needs the handicap sign removed. The people that were using it moved they no longer live there.

Thank you

Jeanne Edwards

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Hirsch, Michele
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 10:55 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Late Communication for Handicap Parking

Dear President Shaut,

There is currently a Handicap Parking sign at 88 Hone and the resident needs to have the space be returned to two spaces. The city code has the space listed as one space so I would appreciate this matter being referred to the Public Safety Committee next week.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Michele Hirsch
Alderwoman, Ward 9
City of Kingston Common Council
[\(845\) 746-3013](tel:8457463013)