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MAYOR SEEKS LOCAL JURISDICTION WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATORS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria Jr., in looking to reign in code enforcement violators and continue his aggressive push to eliminate blight from neighborhoods, offered legislation on Monday night to the City Council. The measure, when accepted by the City Council, will allow the city greater authority in collecting Code Enforcement fines, and will streamline the process for residents to appeal violations. The new law, recently passed by the State Legislature, will also allow the city to add unpaid code enforcement fines and penalties to the property owners tax bill.

The Code Enforcement division has increased presence over the last two years, and the results are taking notice. With the addition of this new legislation, the Mayor can appoint a Hearing Officer to hear appeals from offenders. The Mayor hopes this expansion of authority will send the message to repeat offenders that Everett will enforce a zero tolerance policy, and absentee landlords will have to be accountable for their property.

“Nobody wants to live in a blighted city,” states Mayor DeMaria, “a great number of people in this city take pride in their property, and keep this city beautiful. Everett will never be a dumping ground again.” The new law will need passage from both bodies of the City Council, and the Mayor is confident that the city’s legislature will continue to work with him to keep neighborhoods clean.

The Mayor is anticipating passage of the new law, however was quick to point the position will not require any additional staffing.

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