



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

May 24, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Transfer of Various City Owned Properties to the Hartford Land Bank

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution to authorize the transfer of eleven (11) City-owned properties to the Hartford Land Bank (HLB) as part of their Lot Next Door Program.

These vacant properties have sat in the City's inventory for a number of years and were acquired by the City through past tax deed sales or by foreclosure due to blight liens. The eleven identified parcels are: 49 Annawan Street, 53 Benton Street, 68 Bonner Street, 170 Clark Street, 60 East Street, 415 Garden Street, 437 Garden Street, 602 Garden Street, 36 Green Street, 138 Irving Street and 25 H Edgewood Street.

The primary goal of the HLB Lot Next Door Program is to provide adjacent owner-occupants the opportunity and the first right of refusal to purchase adjacent vacant lots. Attached you will find a description of the Lot Next Door Program.

As a condition of sale, the HLB has agreed that should they not be successful in obtaining interest from adjacent property owners, HLB will explore infill housing development opportunities either by working with a local partner organization and or building housing themselves. This transaction will be subject to an 8-24 Plan review and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

The Department of Development Services is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin".

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

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WHEREAS, The City has a portfolio of City owned properties that have been acquired via several methods including tax deed sales and foreclosure due to blight liens; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford now wishes to transfer certain individual parcels to the Hartford Land Bank, Inc., for the purposes of blight remediation and returning the properties to productive use consistent with neighborhood and community priorities and objectives; and

WHEREAS, The properties included in this resolution are vacant lots which are intended to be disbursed under the Hartford Land Bank's "Vacant Lot Next Door" program, and

WHEREAS, As a condition of sale, should the Land Bank not find a viable neighbor to purchase these lots, the Land Bank will explore infill housing development opportunities either by working with a local partner organization and or building housing themselves; now, therefore, be it

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby approves the transfer of the following parcels to the Hartford Land Bank:

1. 49 Annawan Street
2. 53 Benton Street
3. 68 Bonner Street
4. 176 Clark Street
5. 60 East Street
6. 415 Garden Street
7. 437 Garden Street
8. 602 Garden Street
9. 36 Green Street
10. 138 Irving Street
11. 25 H Edgewood Street, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the Hartford Land Bank, Inc. or its successors or assigns for the purposes set forth above; including the condition that should the Land Bank not find a viable neighbor to purchase these lots, that the Land Bank will explore infill housing development opportunities either by working with a local partner organization and or building housing themselves; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Purchase Agreement shall (i) contain such other provisions regarding the conveyance as the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel deem necessary to protect the interests of the City and (ii) contain such provisions as are customary in real estate conveyances in Hartford County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as they and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and Corporation Counsel.