

# CITY OF STAMFORD ANTI-BLIGHT DEPARTMENT

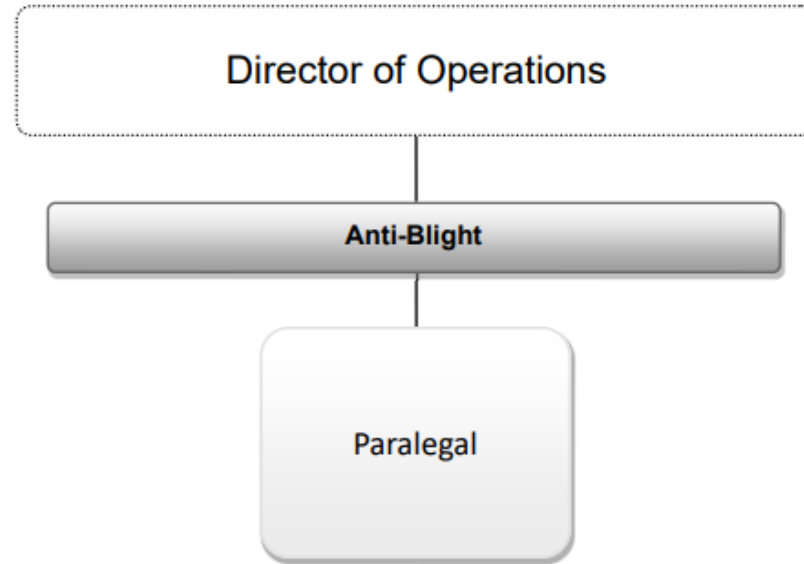
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## *Department Introduction & Brief History*

- The Anti-Blight Dept. responds to citizen complaints of blight conditions at properties within the City, and enforces the provisions of the Anti-Blight Ordinance, Chapter 146, Article III. It is staffed by the part-time Anti-Blight Officer and the full-time Anti-Blight Paralegal.
- All of the operating costs of the Anti-Blight Dept. are paid out of the Blight Fund, which is solely funded by Blight Fines.



## Department Org. Chart



# Major changes

- The Anti-Blight Dept. has been moved to the Operations Dept.
- The Paralegal will be working with the Chief Citation Officer and Coordinator (when hired) to manage and coordinate the City's responses to complaints involving multiple departments.



***What are the most significant accomplishments made & challenges faced by the department in the last FY 2021-2022.***



- Significant Accomplishments:
  - Remediating and closing out complaints that had been ongoing for many years:
    - Cowing PI (4 years)
    - 1430 High Ridge Road (4 years)
    - Llewelyn Road (3 years)
  - Funding the demolition of the Hunt Building
  - Already collected over 125% of budgeted revenue for the year
- Challenges:
  - Remediating blight conditions at properties that have violations of more than one code/department (e.g., zoning, health depts.)
  - Not enough public resources to help those property owners where the blight is caused by a larger issue (finances, mental health, etc.)
- Improvements:
  - Changes to the method used to conduct title searches



# *FY 2023-2024 Goals*

*What are your department goals and plans for 2023-2024*



*What is the Department's/Program's budget? (highlight changes)*

List goals and priorities for your department

Describe in detail the plan to achieve them

What are the obstacles to attaining your goals?

How will you measure your success?

Budget highlights



# FY 2023-2024 Goals and Priorities

***Goal and Priority:*** To respond to and address blight complaints in a more efficient manner

- The Paralegal will be working with the new Chief Citation Officer and Coordinator (when hired) to manage, consolidate and coordinate the City's responses to complaints involving multiple departments.
- Further implement use of Veoci software to track complaints and to measure success rate

***Budget Highlights:***

- The department funded the demolition of the Hunt Building.