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FIRST MAJOR VICTORY IN BATTLE AGAINST BLIGHT BY USING NEW ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE

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(February 26, 2010)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez announced a major step forward today in fighting blight in the Capital City. Thanks to a new Anti-Blight Ordinance that went into effect last July, the City of Hartford has more control and enforcement power regarding blighted properties. Today, it was announced that an old warehouse with a sagging roof at 42 Francis Avenue will be demolished.

The new Anti-Blight Ordinance allowed the City to obtain the property through strict foreclosure. On or about November 6, 2008, citations and regulation violations of \$400 per day from various city departments started adding up quickly for Westall Company, LLC. At the time of acquisition, \$56,000 was owed to the City.

Once the lot is cleared, the property could go up for public auction or otherwise be available for development. In the meantime, several other blighted properties are in the process of being foreclosed.

Blight is one of the most talked about quality of life issues in our neighborhoods. Mayor Perez thanks Parkville neighbors for their commitment to improving their community.