



**Pedro E. Segarra**  
Mayor

## **MAYOR SEGARRA LEADS FIGHT AGAINST BLIGHT**

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(May 9, 2011) --- While there is much work to be done, progress is being made in Hartford's fight against blight. The recently issued Department of Development Services Quarterly Report measures and details the City's stepped-up enforcement of the Anti Blight Ordinance.

"Blighted properties directly affect the quality of life and mood of all Hartford's residents," said Mayor Pedro E. Segarra. "We are prioritizing our efforts so that these properties can be put back into a useful condition to increase the stabilization and vibrancy of our neighborhoods."

The citation process of the Anti Blight Ordinance has resulted in:

1. 394 citations
2. More than \$135,000 in fines issued
3. Approximately \$18,000 has been collected to date.
4. The Finance Department is aggressively collecting all outstanding fines.
5. In addition, the City has acquired six properties through the use of this ordinance.
6. As required, the City will conduct a comprehensive survey of all vacant properties during the summer of 2011.

Mayor Segarra had previously announced that an attorney will be added to the Corporation Counsel's office to be dedicated to this important quality of life issue. "While many property owners have worked effectively with the city, we will continue to aggressively fight those who refuse to comply," he stated.

"This is another example of collaboration between government and business and community leaders. Licenses and Inspections works in conjunction with our Housing, Health, Fire, and Zoning teams to ensure the health and safety of our residents. We look forward to the continued cooperation of neighborhood and business groups as we all must stay vigilant on this high priority issue," added Mayor Segarra.