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PEEKSKILL CREATES SPECIAL CODE ENFORCEMENT TASKFORCE

(Peekskill, New York)... Mayor John G. Testa and members of the Common Council are proud to announce that a special code enforcement taskforce has been established to protect the safety and health of all residents in Peekskill.

Peekskill, like many communities in Westchester has been aggressively targeting violators of the City's housing and zoning code to ameliorate a growing problem that affects the health and safety of its residents. Since installing the Quality of Life Hotline, the City has received numerous complaints by concerned residents on code and health violations. City Manager Daniel W. Fitzpatrick has organized a self directed work team of interdisciplinary City personnel to deal effectively with eliminating the number of housing code violators in the City of Peekskill. The taskforce, which will be chaired by City Assessor Paul Wotzak includes members from the Fire, Police, Building and Legal Departments.

The mission of the taskforce is to identify and encourage by the strongest means necessary, property owners to bring their properties into compliance with the City's existing zoning code. The highest priority will be to force chronic violators to take immediate action to protect the lives of the occupants of their properties.

"The health and safety of all residents in Peekskill is the highest priority of the City of Peekskill. The taskforce will be another tool that residents, neighborhood associations and visitors to Peekskill can count on to reduce substandard residential units and ensure that everyone in Peekskill enjoys the same quality of life, affirmed City Manager Daniel W. Fitzpatrick.

"The Common Council and I are proud to call Peekskill home. We want everyone who lives in Peekskill to be proud of their city. When one person breaks the rules, it affects everyone. Improving the quality of life for our residents continues to be a strong goal of the Common Council. This taskforce will ensure that all residents in Peekskill are living under safe and sanitary conditions. We are committed to using every resource available to make this pledge a reality," remarked Mayor John G. Testa.