



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

April 8, 2025

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AGENDA ITEM

25-054 - Vacant Building Ordinance

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

WHEREAS the City of Medford has several commercial storefronts that have been vacant for long periods of time;

WHEREAS there are opportunities to incentivize owners of such property to maintain and rent their storefronts to active businesses;

WHEREAS active and well-maintained databases of business owners in the City of Medford will allow for a more robust and prosperous business community;

WHEREAS full, vibrant, and bustling business districts in the City of Medford will allow our community to improve visually and economically and add vitality to our squares and corridors;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Medford City Council adopt a vacant building ordinance, which can be applied to incentivize these storefront properties to remain occupied, or otherwise encourage them to beautify their properties with a public art installation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter be referred to committee for further discussion with the Building Commissioner and the Economic Development Director.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Vacant Building Ordinance Draft

