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Motion

To Utilize Vacant Building Registry (VBR) Data to Connect Local Property Owners With Resources

WE MOVE that the administration consider operationalizing the Vacant Building Registry to be a data input to connect city property owners with capital resources.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the administration produces a report within 60 days on existing City programs that are available for rehabilitation of vacant buildings or have the potential to be expanded for that use.

Statement

On February 26th, 2025, City Council passed Ordinance #2025-00200 which established the Vacant Building Registration program. This program is intended to allow the City to be more proactive with its assessment and reutilization of the large stock of vacant buildings throughout the City. Bringing these buildings back to productive use is not just a priority in making neighborhoods vibrant but also tackling the region's housing shortage.

It is also an opportunity to help residents who might want to play a part in the revitalization of their community but lack access to capital for the preservation and stabilization of their properties by connecting them with resources. The Department of Community Economic Development runs financial assistance programs alongside the City's partnership with the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to help with the creation and preservation of affordable housing. The goal of these efforts would be to inform Council on existing funds and programs for potential prioritization in future budgets, as well as leverage the VBR to connect property owners to those resources.

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