



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

*Giovanni Scaringi, Ph.D., City Council President*

*Janine Faulkner, City Clerk*

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**  
**Special Business Meeting Agenda**  
**City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**  
**6:25pm Thursday, September 7, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

\*Please note: Residents wishing to submit public comment may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to 1:00pm on the day of the meeting to [clerk@cityofbinghamton.com](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.com) or in person during the meeting.

**V. FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

**Introductory Resolution 23-72. Considered in Planning: Resciniti**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to adopt the Pro-Housing Communities Pledge

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON  
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Date: September 7, 2023

Sponsored by Council Members: Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Strawn, Scanlon, Scaringi

Introduced by Committee: Planning

**RESOLUTION**

*entitled*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ADOPT THE PRO-HOUSING  
COMMUNITIES PLEDGE**

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton (hereinafter "local government") believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that City of Binghamton, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.