

6. SECURITY, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS OF DISTRESSED

6. SECURITY, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS OF DISTRESSED PROPERTY The Owner of Distressed Property shall secure all structures at the Distressed Property from the weather and in such a manner as to prevent access by unauthorized persons and by pests, including but not limited to the following: (a) closing and locking of all windows, doors (including garage doors), gates, swimming pools and any other opening of such size that it may allow a child to access the interior of such structures; (b) re-glazing or boarding of all broken windows; (c) implementing additional maintenance and/or security measures as may be directed by the Commissioner, including but not limited to installing additional lighting for security, increasing frequency of on-site inspections, employing an on-site security guard(s), disconnecting utilities and removing meter boxes, or carrying out measures as may be required to stop the structural decline of the Distressed Property; (d) elimination of unsanitary conditions at the Distressed Property; and (e) removal from the Distressed Property of all materials, waste, garbage, rubbish, chemicals and substances that actually or potentially create nuisances or pose a risk to the public health, safety or welfare. The Owner of Distressed Property must regularly inspect and maintain any Distressed Property at least once every two (2) weeks to ensure that such Distressed Property is in compliance with this Bylaw, as well as the State Sanitary Code, the State Building Code and all other applicable laws, regulations and bylaws. If the Owner of Distressed Property does not have a Local residence or Local usual place of business, then such Owner shall retain a Local individual or Local property management company to be responsible to secure, inspect and maintain the Owner's Distressed Property as required by this Bylaw.

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The Commissioner shall have the authority to inspect all Distressed Property subject to this Bylaw for compliance and to issue citations for any violations. The Commissioner shall have the discretion to determine when and how such inspections are to be made in the enforcement of this Bylaw.

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