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**The City of Youngstown
Rental/Vacant Property Registration Office
Announces Vacant Property Registration**

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{Youngstown, Ohio} – The **Rental/Vacant Property Registration Office** is excited to announce the launch of **Vacant Property Registration for the City of Youngstown**. On October 19, 2011 Youngstown City Council passed the “Vacant Property Registry” Ordinance (546.14) which requires all **VACANT Structures** to be registered with the Rental/Vacant Property Registration Office of the City of Youngstown.

The cost for Vacant Property Registration is \$100.00 per property per year. However, if vacant property owners comply with the following conditions, the City will waive the \$100.00 registration fee for the first year. If the property is not secured and maintained at any time, the owner is subject to non-compliance fees as well as the \$100.00 registration fee.

In order to avoid the \$100.00 Registration fee and additional non-compliance fees the vacant property owner must:

- Secure the property – all doors and windows
- Ensure that the property is free of trash and debris
- Make sure that the lawn is properly maintained (not longer than 6 inches in height)
- Make certain the property address is clearly visible

As long as the above conditions are met and maintained and the owner registers the property with the City of Youngstown by August 10, 2012, the \$100 (one hundred dollar) registration fee will not be charged to the owner for the **first year** of the Vacant Property Registry program.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the lawn and make sure that the structure is secure. When the City must maintain the lawn or board up a structure, the owners of the property are charged for the work. When the owner does not pay the bill, the case is turned over to a collection agency.

The owner is required to register any vacant properties **every** year. The fine for non-registration is **\$50.00 per day** until the property is registered.

The purpose of this program is to help protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens by preventing blight, protecting property values and avoiding the creation and maintenance of nuisance properties.

For more information and to view the ordinance please go to www.cityofyoungstownoh.com and look under City Charter and Codified Ordinances (546.14 Vacant Property Registry).