

Community Development Department Neighborhood Improvement

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Dear Occupant:

The attached Hearing Officer notice was sent to the owner of the property in which you reside. It is the responsibility of the property owner to develop a work scope with Code Enforcement and bring the property into code compliance. If you are aware of code violations not listed on this form, please contact the assigned Code Enforcement Inspector to schedule an interior inspection. The property owner will be required to bring any additional violations into compliance.

Regardless of whether you contact the Code Enforcement Inspector, violations listed on the notice will be required to be corrected by the property owner. Our goal is to improve neighborhood conditions by providing Peoria residents a safe and sanitary place to live. If you feel this is not occurring, we want to do everything in our power to work with you and the landlord to bring the property into compliance.

Your landlord was required to conduct a self-inspection of the unit with you before you moved in to the property and at least once a year thereafter. If your landlord has not conducted the self-inspection, please bring this to his/her attention. The self-inspection form can be found on the City of Peoria website under Community Development. All items listed on this form should be in code compliance.

It is against the law for a property owner to retaliate against a tenant for reporting code violations. The City of Peoria cannot provide legal advice; however, a local nonprofit organization, Prairie State Legal Services, offers legal advice for those who meet income requirements. They can be contacted at 309.674-9831. Please let them know you obtained their information from the City of Peoria in reference to a Hearing Officer case against your property owner.

Community Development hosts multiple tenant education seminars throughout the year. Tenants are encouraged to attend these events and learn about their rights, responsibilities, how to be a good neighbor, and financial literacy. Seminar information can be found by visiting our website at **AppreciatePeoria.com**.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 309.494-8654.

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