



Legislation Text

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 Sections 5-296 and 5-264 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to DESIGNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION and CRIMINAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT.

BACKGROUND:

On July 10, 2018, Council passed the following items:

- A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with SALVATION ARMY PEORIA to Operate a Rehousing Program that Provides Rehousing Services to Tenants Living in Properties Designated as Unfit for Human Habitation by the Community Development Code Enforcement Division;
- B. ALLOCATE the \$50,000.00 payment from the *1505 on the Avenue Settlement* to a Set-Aside Rehousing Program Project;
- C. ASSIGN All Future Criminal Housing Management Fine Payments to a Set-Aside Rehousing Program Project for Sustained Program Funding;

In addition to the above items council received and filed a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 Sections 5-296 and 5-264 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to DESIGNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION and CRIMINAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT. This item requests adoption of these ordinance revisions. The revisions are summarized below:

Pertaining to Sec.5-296 (b)

- In instances that the condition of the dwelling was caused, in whole or in substantial part, by the neglect of the owner, that occupants may be reasonably rehoused at the expense of the City.
- That costs incurred by the City shall be reimbursed by the owner of the dwelling designated unfit for human habitation, provided that the condition of the dwelling was caused, in whole or in substantial part by the neglect of the owner.

Pertaining to Sec.5-296 (d)

- Covering up or removing a Code Enforcement placard from any dwelling shall be considered criminal housing management

Pertaining to Sec.5-296 (e)

- Renting or allowing a person to occupy any premises designated as unfit for human habitation shall be considered criminal housing management

Pertaining to Sec. 5-264 (a)

- Adding to the definition of Criminal housing management the defacing, removing or covering up of a Code Enforcement Placard (as reflected in Sec.5-296(d)).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: None at this time

IMPACT IF APPROVED: The rehousing program approved on July 10, 2018 will go into effect and the City Code will reflect rehousing provisions for tenants in properties designated as unfit for human habitation.

IMPACT IF DENIED: The City Code will be inconsistent with rehousing provisions approved on July 10, 2018

ALTERNATIVES: None identified at this time.

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2017 - 2032 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Safe Peoria
2. Choose an item.
3. Choose an item.

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Reinvest in neighborhoods.
2. Choose an item.
3. Choose an item.

DEPARTMENT: Community Development