



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: September 2, 2009

To: Council Member Don Samuels, Chair – Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

Subject: Ordinance amendments to Title 12, Chapter 244 Section 244.550 and Title 12, Chapter 244 Section 244.800

Recommendation: Approval of ordinance amendments

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: JoAnn Velde

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- City Goals

Supporting Information

244.550 Subsection (a) & (b) amendment:

The current language gives Housing Inspection Services inspectors the authority to only issued orders on outside steps and stairways when they are attached to a dwelling and in

disrepair. The deletion of this language attached to a dwelling in both subsection (a) & (b) will give the inspectors the authority to issue orders on detached stairways that lead to the public sidewalk. Housing Inspection Services staff will be working with Public Works Sidewalk Department staff to develop and implement a system to address the right away requirements for deteriorating steps located in the right away.

244.800 Ceiling Heights

Changing the language from 7 ½ feet to (7) feet is now consistent with the requirement language located in the State adopted building codes for ceiling height requirements for habitable space. When the adoption of the International Residential Code in March of 2003 occurred the housing inspectors were required to now enforce the new (7) ft ceiling height in the IRC.