

Your handout packet also includes:

- Council adoption of Ordinance Title 11, Chapter 227 dated September 2, 2005 which allows for pre-authorization for nuisance violations
- News Release dated May 2, 2006 announcing northside curb-to-alley inspection program
- 2007 Housing contract payments by neighborhood
- Number of contract abatements by neighborhood in 2007

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

(Published September 10, 2005, in *Finance and Commerce*)

Council Chamber
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
September 2, 2005 - 9:30 a.m.
Council President Ostrow in the Chair
Present - Council Members Zimmermann, Schiff, Zerby, Lilligren, Johnson Lee, Niziolek, Benson,
Goodman, Lane, Samuels, Johnson, Colvin Roy, President Ostrow

(From pages 768-770 of *Official Proceedings*)

The **PUBLIC SAFETY & REGULATORY SERVICES** Committee submitted the following reports:

PS&RS -Your Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to *Health and Sanitation: Nuisances Generally*, allowing Housing Inspection Services to send a general notification to property owners for nuisance violations relating to tall grass and/or rubbish observed within 12 months after a property owner has received a prior violation notice to remove offensive matter or to correct nuisance conditions; and assessing a double administrative fee for the second and subsequent authorized removal of the nuisance condition in a twelve-month period, now recommends that said ordinance be given its second reading for amendment and passage.

Adopted 9/2/05.

Ordinance 2005-Or-075 amending Title 11, Chapter 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to *Health and Sanitation: Nuisances Generally*, amending Section 227.100 to allow Housing Inspection Services to send a general notification to property owners for nuisance violations relating to tall grass and/or rubbish observed within 12 months after a property owner has received a prior violation notice to remove offensive matter or to correct nuisance conditions; and assessing a double administrative fee for the second and subsequent authorized removal of the nuisance condition in a twelve-month period, was adopted 9/2/05 by the City Council. A complete copy of this ordinance is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized ordinance.

**ORDINANCE 2005-Or-075 By Niziolek, Benson and Zerby Intro & 1st Reading: 7/1/05 Ref to:
PS&RS 2nd Reading: 9/2/05**

Amending Title 11, Chapter 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Nuisances Generally.

The City Council of The City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 227.100 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

227.100. Abatement of offensive conditions and vegetation. (a) When there exists on private property a condition which is in violation of section 227.90, a notice to remove the offensive matter or correct the nuisance condition shall be served by the chief of police, the chief of the fire department, director of inspections, commissioner of health, or their authorized representatives, upon the owner. Such notice may be served personally or may be served by mail. Such notice shall describe the matter to be removed and require removal thereof within three (3) days not to include Saturdays, Sundays or holidays following service of the notice. If at the end of said three (3) days following service of such notice the offensive matter has not been removed, or the nuisance condition corrected, the city shall cause the correction or removal and disposition.

(b) For properties in which there have been two (2) or more notices issued to remove offensive matter or to correct nuisance conditions within the prior twelve (12) month period, compliance with section (a) shall not be required. For these properties, the second notice issued within a twelve (12) month period shall contain a general notice that the city may abate future violations of section 227.90 without providing additional specific notice of the violation. This general notice shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months from the date it is sent. This notice shall inform the owner that the costs incurred by the city will be assessed pursuant to the procedure set forth by this ordinance.

(c) Whether notice was provided pursuant to section (a) or section (b), ~~All~~ costs, including an administrative fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75), incurred by the city for the removal and disposition of the offensive matter or for correcting the nuisance shall be assessed, levied and collected as a special assessment payable in one sum or by up to ten (10) equal annual installments as the council may provide against the premises from which it was removed, in the manner provided for in this section. In cases where there have been ~~two (2)~~one (1) authorized removals of offensive conditions and/or vegetation at a given site within any twelve-month period, the ~~third~~ second and subsequent abatement assessments shall have a double administrative fee until such time as no authorizations are required for a period of twelve (12) months.

(d) When the city causes the correction or removal and disposition of a nuisance under this section, the chief of police, the chief of the fire department, director of inspections, commissioner of health, or their authorized representatives shall mail to the owner a notice of intent to assess the costs of said action. Such notice shall state the amount and basis for the costs and the time, date and place of a hearing before a hearing officer appointed by the council to determine the validity and amount of the proposed assessment. The notice may require, as a prerequisite to an owner's challenge of an assessment, that the owner file written objections to the assessment no later than ~~ten (10)~~fifteen (15) days before the hearing. The notice shall state that the owner may appeal the assessment to the district court within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment by the council at an annual meeting.

The notice shall also inform the owner of the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Sections 435.193 to 435.195 and of the existence of any deferment procedure.

(e) "Owner," for the purposes of this section, shall mean the person who is listed as the contact person on the current rental licensing application on file with the city, if any, or, if none, the person listed as owner by the city assessor on the homestead record, or, if none, the taxpayer as shown by the records of the city assessor.

Adopted 9/2/05.



News Release

Contact: Matt Laible, Communications Department, 612-673-2786

Housing inspections will begin in May in Minneapolis' 3rd, 4th and 5th Wards

May 2, 2006 (MINNEAPOLIS) As part of the ongoing effort to keep Minneapolis a great place to live, work, and play, Minneapolis Housing Inspections Services will begin looking at properties in the City's 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wards to make sure buildings and yards are properly maintained. Taking good care of homes and properties helps make Minneapolis neighborhoods healthy, safe, and livable places for residents and visitors.

The inspections will begin May 15, 2006, and will take place throughout the summer. Inspectors will look at residential buildings, garages, and sheds to make sure the properties are safe and well-maintained. They'll also look for nuisance type violations such as tall grass, inoperable vehicles, and rubbish in the yard.

Although Housing Inspection Services will focus on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wards, the City will continue to provide inspection services in all other Wards throughout Minneapolis during the summer. Minneapolis has hired 11 new interns to assist housing inspectors during the summer months. Inspectors will look for things like:

In the Yard:

- Grass and weeds taller than 8 inches
- Overhanging brush in the alley and public sidewalks
- Surface grading that is low for drainage away from the foundation
- Rubbish or litter in the yard
- Lack of ground cover
- Parking in the yard that is not on an approved parking surface
- Inoperable vehicles, car parts, loose vehicle tires, and vehicles with expired tabs
- Firewood must be stacked neatly on a non-rotting, well-supported base, at least 8 inches above the ground
- Too many cars parked on the lot
- Fences in disrepair

Accessory Buildings:

- Garages and sheds with deteriorating surface conditions and peeling paint

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Primary residential structures:

- Missing address numbers from either the front or rear of properties
- Deteriorating exterior surfaces such as peeling paint, broken siding, rotting trim boards and soffits
- Porches in disrepair
- Required guardrails and handrails that are missing or in disrepair
- Broken glass in the windows or doors
- Steps which are attached to the primary structure that are in disrepair
- Roofs that are missing shingles
- Chimneys that have missing bricks or missing tuckpointing/mortar
- Exterior doors that are in disrepair

Financial assistance may be available:

The Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation has information about home and rental property improvement loans, and can be reached at 612-378-7985. You can also contact your neighborhood organization to inquire about money or other assistance that is available.

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2007 Housing Contractor Payments (as of 11/15/06)

| Neighborhood | Contractor Payment YTD |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| ARMATAGE Total | \$ 2,338 |
| AUDUBON PARK Total | \$ 7,351 |
| BANCROFT Total | \$ 6,759 |
| BELTRAMI Total | \$ 4,047 |
| BOTTINEAU Total | \$ 6,290 |
| BRYANT Total | \$ 6,339 |
| BRYN MAWR Total | \$ 1,435 |
| CAMDEN INDUSTRIAL AREA Total | \$ 321 |
| CARAG Total | \$ 3,160 |
| CEDAR RSIDE/WEST BANK Total | \$ 1,839 |
| CENTRAL Total | \$ 44,155 |
| CLEVELAND Total | \$ 25,509 |
| COLUMBIA PARK Total | \$ 1,952 |
| COMO Total | \$ 7,295 |
| COOPER Total | \$ 2,874 |
| CORCORAN Total | \$ 15,067 |
| DIAMOND LAKE Total | \$ 2,051 |
| DOWNTOWN WEST Total | \$ 710 |
| EAST HARRIET Total | \$ 371 |
| EAST ISLES Total | \$ 160 |
| EAST PHILLIPS Total | \$ 40,787 |
| ECCO Total | \$ 3,237 |
| ELLIOT PARK Total | \$ 1,136 |
| ERICSSON Total | \$ 1,071 |
| FIELD Total | \$ 1,505 |
| FOLWELL Total | \$ 78,643 |
| FULTON Total | \$ 2,876 |
| HALE Total | \$ 120 |
| HARRISON Total | \$ 15,084 |
| HAWTHORNE Total | \$ 113,842 |
| HIAWATHA Total | \$ 4,788 |
| HOLLAND Total | \$ 6,568 |
| HOWE Total | \$ 6,147 |
| JORDAN Total | \$ 141,151 |
| KEEWAYDIN Total | \$ 3,200 |
| KENNY Total | \$ 1,976 |
| KENWOOD Total | \$ 55 |
| KING FIELD Total | \$ 13,246 |
| LIND-BOHANON Total | \$ 38,645 |
| LINDEN HILLS Total | \$ 1,915 |
| LOGAN PARK Total | \$ 1,850 |
| LONGFELLOW Total | \$ 3,904 |
| LORING PARK Total | \$ 994 |
| LOWRY HILL Total | \$ 896 |
| LOWRY HILL EAST Total | \$ 2,167 |
| LYNDALE Total | \$ 4,422 |
| LYNNHURST Total | \$ 188 |
| MARCY-HOLMES Total | \$ 2,636 |
| MARSHALL TERRACE Total | \$ 3,576 |
| MCKINLEY Total | \$ 51,161 |
| MIDTOWN PHILLIPS Total | \$ 10,264 |

2007 Housing Contractor Payments (as of 11/15/06)

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|-------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| MINNEHAHA Total | \$ | 749 |
| MORRIS PARK Total | \$ | 8,983 |
| NEAR NORTH Total | \$ | 37,650 |
| NICOLLET IS/EAST BANK Total | \$ | 497 |
| NORTHEAST PARK Total | \$ | 2,377 |
| NORTHLOOP Total | \$ | 2,873 |
| NORTHROP Total | \$ | 1,713 |
| PAGE Total | \$ | 227 |
| PHILLIPS Total | \$ | 2,941 |
| PHILLIPS WEST Total | \$ | 17,486 |
| POWDERHORN PARK Total | \$ | 26,501 |
| PROSPECT PK/E RIVER RD Total | \$ | 3,240 |
| REGINA Total | \$ | 8,877 |
| SEWARD Total | \$ | 8,133 |
| SHERIDAN Total | \$ | 7,121 |
| SHINGLE CREEK Total | \$ | 4,709 |
| ST ANTHONY EAST Total | \$ | 332 |
| ST ANTHONY WEST Total | \$ | 2,432 |
| STANDISH Total | \$ | 15,163 |
| STEVENS SQ/LORING HGTS Total | \$ | 2,091 |
| SUMNER-GLENWOOD Total | \$ | 767 |
| TANGLETOWN Total | \$ | 1,541 |
| UNASSIGNED Total | \$ | 219 |
| VENTURA VILLAGE Total | \$ | 8,435 |
| VICTORY Total | \$ | 14,519 |
| WAITE PARK Total | \$ | 3,557 |
| WEBBER-CAMDEN Total | \$ | 35,898 |
| WENONAH Total | \$ | 5,740 |
| WHITTIER Total | \$ | 20,271 |
| WILLARD-HAY Total | \$ | 63,834 |
| WINDOM Total | \$ | 1,984 |
| WINDOM PARK Total | \$ | 5,046 |
| Grand Total | \$ | 1,013,966 |

2006 Housing Contract Abatements by Neighborhood

| Neighborhood | Number of Contractor Abatements 1/1/06 to 11/14/06 |
|------------------------|---|
| ARMATAGE | 18 |
| AUDUBON PARK | 62 |
| BANCROFT | 80 |
| BELTRAMI | 32 |
| BOTTINEAU | 25 |
| BRYANT | 52 |
| BRYN MAWR | 19 |
| CAMDEN INDUSTRIAL AREA | 2 |
| CARAG | 22 |
| CEDAR RSIDE/WEST BANK | 10 |
| CENTRAL | 281 |
| CLEVELAND | 403 |
| COLUMBIA PARK | 11 |
| COMO | 20 |
| COOPER | 23 |
| CORCORAN | 89 |
| DIAMOND LAKE | 27 |
| DOWNTOWN WEST | 5 |
| EAST HARRIET | 4 |
| EAST ISLES | 4 |
| EAST PHILLIPS | 157 |
| ECCO | 9 |
| ELLIOT PARK | 9 |
| ERICSSON | 21 |
| FIELD | 20 |
| FOLWELL | 650 |
| FULTON | 13 |
| HALE | 3 |
| HARRISON | 177 |
| HAWTHORNE | 1,018 |
| HIAWATHA | 48 |
| HOLLAND | 62 |
| HOWE | 37 |
| JORDAN | 1,377 |
| KEEWAYDIN | 19 |
| KENNY | 12 |
| KENWOOD | 2 |
| KING FIELD | 89 |
| LIND-BOHANON | 339 |
| LINDEN HILLS | 5 |
| LOGAN PARK | 26 |
| LONGFELLOW | 30 |
| LORING PARK | 7 |
| LOWRY HILL | 10 |
| LOWRY HILL EAST | 26 |
| LYNDALE | 37 |
| LYNNHURST | 5 |

2006 Housing Contract Abatements by Neighborhood

| Neighborhood | Number of Contractor Abatements 1/1/06 to 11/14/06 |
|------------------------|---|
| MARCY-HOLMES | 21 |
| MARSHALL TERRACE | 19 |
| MCKINLEY | 545 |
| MIDTOWN PHILLIPS | 82 |
| MINNEHAHA | 8 |
| MORRIS PARK | 58 |
| NEAR NORTH | 371 |
| NICOLLET IS/EAST BANK | 8 |
| NORTHEAST PARK | 14 |
| NORTHLOOP | 29 |
| NORTHROP | 18 |
| PAGE | 2 |
| PHILLIPS | 13 |
| PHILLIPS WEST | 99 |
| POWDERHORN PARK | 195 |
| PROSPECT PK/E RIVER RD | 6 |
| REGINA | 38 |
| SEWARD | 36 |
| SHERIDAN | 52 |
| SHINGLE CREEK | 90 |
| ST ANTHONY EAST | 5 |
| ST ANTHONY WEST | 11 |
| STANDISH | 98 |
| STEVENS SQ/LORING HGTS | 13 |
| SUMNER-GLENWOOD | 2 |
| TANGLETOWN | 13 |
| VENTURA VILLAGE | 61 |
| VICTORY | 246 |
| WAITE PARK | 30 |
| WEBBER-CAMDEN | 407 |
| WENONAH | 42 |
| WHITTIER | 81 |
| WILLARD-HAY | 717 |
| WINDOM | 26 |
| WINDOM PARK | 26 |
| Total | 8,879 |