



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

Date: May 13, 2009

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

Subject: Amendments to Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Section 244.1950 - Rental dwelling license board of appeals; Amendments to Section 244.1960 Appeals procedure

Recommendation: Approve that Section 1 subsection (b) & (c) 244.1950 of the above-entitled ordinance be repealed & approve amendments to Section 244.1960 appeals procedure.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Henry Reimer

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

Section 244.1950 & Section 244.1960

As Regulatory Services steps up rental licensing revocations based on the enforcement of rental licensing standards the need for multiple rental license revocation hearings has increased beyond the capacity of a citizen board. Although the Rental Dwelling License Board of Appeals has been very committed to the public service they provide, it is difficult for members to take time away from their jobs for more than 1 hearing per month. In past years the revocation appeal hearings have been approximately 2 – 4 hearings per year.

Shifting rental license hearings to an administrative hearing officer would allow for an increase in hearings which would eliminate delay, allow Regulatory Services the ability to have multiple hearings in a month and provide for more timely outcomes. An administrative hearing officer would also contribute to the uniformity of process and decisions.