



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

Referral to: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Chair – Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Ordinance revisions to Title 12, Chapter 244, adding a new Section 244.265. Adding two (2) new licensing standards Section 244.1910 subsection 20 & 21. 244.1945 Reinstatement Fee increase.

Recommendation: Approve recommended revisions to Title 12, Chapter 244 Housing Maintenance Code

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

- Other financial impact: 244.1945 Reinstatement Fee - There will be on average one or two cases that may involve the same owner requesting a reinstatement a year.

Community Impact

- City Goals

Supporting Information

244.265 & 244.1910 licensing standard subsection 20

A Minnesota Statute now requires property owners to notify occupants within their property when a property is in foreclosure or a contract for deed cancellation in 2008. St. Paul also adopted a similar local ordinance. The local ordinance amendments will give Regulatory Services the enforcement methods to address the lack of notification complaints with the owner of the property.

The owners will need to provide notification to tenants within 7 days of written notice from Housing Inspection Services.

244.1910 licensing standard subsection 21

Any rental property owner upon a second violation of operating a property without a license shall be ineligible to hold or have an interest in a rental dwelling license or provisional license for a period of 24 months.

244.1945 Reinstatement Fee

If the owner for reinstatement is the same owner when the license was revoked the reinstatement fee to recover the cost of revocation will be \$3,000. The fee for a new owner will stay at \$1,000.