



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of**

Date: June 3, 2003

To: Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee, The Honorable Dan Niziolek, Chairperson

Referral to: City Council

**Subject: Amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Rental Dwelling Licenses**

**Recommendation:** The Director of Inspections recommends that the City Council approve amendments of Title 12, Chapter 244 of Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 244.1840 Application for license, subsection (3) and adding subsection (6). Section 244.1910 Licensing standards, subsection (10) and adding subsection (15).

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Approved by: Merwyn Larson, Director of Inspections

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Presenters in Committee: JoAnn Velde, Deputy Director & Janine Atchison, District Supervisor

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.

**Community Impact**

City Goals: Through education and enforcement of the Housing Maintenance Code, Housing Inspection Services works with residents and businesses in the City to preserve existing housing and improve community livability.

**Background/Supporting Information: Attached**

Housing Inspection Services is recommending a change to the rental licensing ordinance to tighten our enforcement ability for rental licensing application concerns.

These changes would:

**(244.1840 subsection 3)**

- (1) more clearly establish the potential criminal and civil liability of the contact person and our ability to pursue the owner and/or the contact for the purpose of enforcement;

**(244.1840 adding subsection 6)**

- (2) require changes in application information to be reported in writing with changes in the contact person requiring an entirely new application to be completed;

**(244.1910 subsection 10)**

- (3) allow us to request a new application or floor plan at any time for just cause rather than only at the time of renewal, and

**(244.1910 adding subsection 15)**

- (4) provide for potential revocation action if applicant does not respond to request for new application