

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 5, 2022

TO Honorable members of the Public Safety Committee
Adam McGough (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno,
Jaime Resendez, Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Chapter 27: Minimum Property Standards Evaluation Working Group Update**

The purpose of this memorandum is to update Committee members on efforts to evaluate Dallas City Code, Chapter 27: Minimum Property Standards as it relates to multitenant properties.

On March 8, 2022, the Dallas Police Department appeared before the Public Safety Committee to brief the Apartment Community Crime Reduction Initiative. Feedback received from committee members indicated a desire to see an evaluation and recommendations for amendment to Chapter 27 occur.

Since this briefing, City Staff have launched multi-departmental efforts at multiple multitenant communities to increase quality of life and safety at communities where City resources, including Code Compliance and Police, are in highest demand. For instance, as of July 2022 there have been 615 identified deficiencies at the 3550 E. Overton multitenant property by our team; 232 of these deficiencies have been verified as addressed by property management.

Additionally, City staff and external stakeholders have launched a working group to consider the development of amendments to the current Chapter 27 ordinance. The primary focus of the working group is:

1. Article III. Minimum Property Standards
2. Article VII. Registration & Inspection
3. Article VIII. Habitual Criminal and Nuisance Properties
4. Data collection and sharing processes for multitenant properties

The working group has held an initial kick-off meeting and has launched a survey of stakeholders as initial evaluation activities. The next steps of the working group include analyzing a crosswalk of property standards ordinances from peer cities, evaluating any gaps that exist in the current ordinance, developing a database of necessary public safety related information on multitenant properties and soliciting feedback from community stakeholders and City Council Committees on any proposed amendments or process changes.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Oden, Interim Director of the Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions at kevin.oden@dallascityhall.com

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