



Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Public Safety  
**AGENDA DATE:** December 8, 2021  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Code Compliance  
**EXECUTIVE:** Jon Fortune

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**SUBJECT**

An ordinance amending Chapter 27, "Minimum Property Standards," of the Dallas City Code by amending Article VIII; **(1)** providing regulations for habitual nuisance properties; **(2)** providing a penalty not to exceed \$500.00; **(3)** providing a saving clause; **(4)** providing a severability clause; and **(5)** providing an effective date - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

**BACKGROUND**

While most owners abate code violations following a warning or education and others never require warning or education, there are some that refuse to take steps necessary to prevent violations despite frequent enforcement by City staff. This is especially common as it relates to complaints of overcrowding, noise, and other nuisance activity. Designating a property as a "Habitual Nuisance" will serve as an effective tool to address the behavior by advising the public, establish a fee structure to help offset the costs of monitoring and inspecting these properties and develop agreed upon conditions to prevent the activity.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

The Public Safety Committee was briefed regarding this matter on September 13, 2021.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City.