

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Revision to Chapter 8, Article IX (Rental Inspections) of the Little Rock Code of Ordinances.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>Revisions to Chapter 8, Article IX (Rental Inspections), of the Little Rock Code of Ordinances regarding the frequency and methodology for rental inspections.</p> <p>No fiscal impact.</p> <p>Approval of the ordinance.</p> <p>The existing section of the Codes adopted in 1994 requires all rental housing units to be systematically inspected for code compliance every two (2) years. As of January 1, 2019, the total number of registered rental units in the city was 27,814. Due to the current requirement in the ordinance to inspect all rental units every two (2) years, the capacity to meet that requirements has proven to be unattainable. The proposed revisions include issuing a Notice to Comply and instituting an annual random sampling of 20% of all registered rental units. The revisions also includes a deferral of inspection for units less than five (5) years old until the 6th year from the date on the Certificate of Occupancy.</p> <p>In addition, the proposed revisions include the option for the City to accept inspection reports from State and/or Federal Agencies that are required to inspect units funded by their various programs (i.e., tax credits, bond financing, HUD).</p>
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