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**City Council
Follow-Up Report**

October 15, 2014

October 6, 2014 – Council Business Meeting

Housing Conditions and Code Enforcement

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On October 6, Ms. Debora Morey spoke before Council regarding her current living conditions. Ms. Morey resides at 714 Woodland Lane and indicated that her landlord would not get the repairs done.

As of today, the property owner has failed to make repairs within the required time frames. Their compliance date was September 29, 2014. Staff's evaluation of the property indicates an estimate of \$6,900 to bring the property into standard condition. At this time, there are no unsafe conditions. A few minor repairs have been made, but Code Enforcement staff would not consider this to be substantial progress.

In addition, no extension has been requested by the property owner, so a notice of civil penalty has been issued. Civil penalties accrue at \$100 for the first day and \$10 for each day thereafter until the property is brought into compliance. Staff will pursue environmental court if the property owner fails to make repairs, this action will be initiated 30 days after the compliance date if repairs are not progressing. Staff has spoken with Ms. Morey regarding their steps in the process and has been advised that she is currently involved in the eviction process. The property owner was granted the eviction and Ms. Morey has appealed. Ms. Morey will be updating staff once her appeal has been heard.