



Minimum Housing Code Regulations

Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee

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BRIEFING OBJECTIVES

- Committee Referral
- Minimum Housing Code Background
- Next Steps





COMMITTEE CHARGE

- The Committee will review code violation data and past instances to determine:
 - Updates needed to strengthen city's ability to ensure minimum housing conditions
 - Revise potential conflicting language
 - Address enforcement issues to ensure alignment with federal legislation and best practices
 - Identify potential state legislation modifications or additions



COMMITTEE CHARGE

- Recommendations should result in standards that:
 - Ensure minimum standards of fitness for dwellings
 - Ensure homeowners and landlords keep residences in safe and sanitary conditions and livability
 - Apply to both single-family and multi-family housing stock



BACKGROUND

- The Minimum Housing Code regulations (Chapter 11) were last revised in 2008
- Chapter 11 enforces minimum standards of fitness for dwellings and ensures homeowners and landlords keep residences in safe and sanitary conditions
- Examples of violations include:
 - Inoperable smoke/carbon monoxide detectors
 - Unclean and unsanitary conditions
 - Pest infestation
 - Unsafe wiring
 - Inoperable heat
 - Plumbing defects
 - Exit requirements
 - Structural standards



NEXT STEPS

- Provide guidance on data elements for research:
 - Number of incidents
 - Types of instances
 - Frequency of violations
 - Peer city comparisons
 - Potential code modifications
 - Other