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RE: STATUS UPDATE: ADOPTION OF HOUSING CODE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE RENTAL LICENSES IN PARK VIEW

Date: March 15, 2021

Since the Rental Ordinance went into effect in January 2021, the Sheriff's Department has been accepting and reviewing the applications, performing background checks for all tenants over the age of eighteen, and reviewing for completeness. The Sheriff's Department tracks registered Landlords and completed background checks in a Rental Tracker Application developed by Scott County IT. The physical applications with the attached information are then forwarded to Planning and Development. Planning and Development confirms the addresses and number of units included on each application, review the Code Compliance list and if everything is in order issue a rental license for each rental unit covered under the application.

So far, 168 individual rental units have at least one background check submitted AND have had the owner submit a registration application. This represents 56% of all individual units in Park View. The Sheriff's Department has conducted over 260 background checks on tenants.

Planning and Development has suspended any inspections of units until such time as COVID-19 restrictions will allow. Until then, the Planning Department will continue tracking any code questions or complaints and follow up with the restrictions that are currently in place due to COVID-19. Our office so far has received three (3) complaints from tenants. Two (2) of these have been resolved and one (1) is pending.

The Sheriff's Department will continue to track calls and complaints regarding any rental units and determine if any would constitute nuisance activity under this code. The Sheriff's Department commented that the technology is still being worked out to integrate tracking of nuisance calls with the Permit Tracking Application. They are currently being tracked in separate databases.

Information Technology will continue providing support for the Rental Tracker Application and make changes as seen fit. All three Departments will work together to make the implementation of these regulations as efficient as possible. During the implementation of these regulations and the initial stages that they apply, everyone involved will continue to identify any issues that arise that may require changes or modifications of these requirements and procedures.