

INTRODUCED: MAR 12 2007

AN ORDINANCE No. 2007- 96

To amend and reordain ch. 46.1, art. V, div. 1 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 46.1-50.1 to provide for fire hazard inspections of those rental dwelling structures which are cited for building code violations at least twice in 12 months, whose owners fail to remedy identified code violations, or which are identified as having drug blight.

Patron – Vice President McQuinn

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: APR 23 2007 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 46.1, Article V, Division 1 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004) be and is hereby amended and reordained by adding therein a new section numbered 46.1-50.1 as follows:

Sec. 46.1-50.1. Inspections of at-risk rental property for fire hazards.

(a) The city's fire marshal or any duly authorized representatives shall inspect at-risk rental dwelling structures for fire hazards pursuant to powers granted the fire marshal under this Code and the Code of Virginia. For the purposes of this section, the term "at-risk rental dwelling structures" means those rental dwelling structures that have been (i) found to have violations of

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ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code on at least two occasions during any 12 month period; (ii) identified as having conditions that are “unfit” or “unsafe” as defined in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code; or (iii) subjected to additional enforcement procedures for buildings and other structures harboring illegal drug use in accordance with the provisions of section 14-118 of this Code.

(b) The fire marshal and the commissioner of buildings shall arrange for coordination of their efforts and communication regarding deficient rental dwelling structures in such manner as they deem necessary in order to ensure the effective implementation of this section.

§ 2. The Chief Administrative Officer shall cause the Fire Marshal and the Commissioner of buildings to inform the Council, no later than 60 days following the effective date of this ordinance, as to any additional resources, including additional changes to law, that may be necessary to implement this ordinance.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

MEMORANDUM

From: Ellen Bowyer, Director, Legislative Services, Richmond City Council
To: Norman Sales, City Attorney
Date: February 22, 2007
Subj: Draft Ordinance: Inspection of Rental Dwelling Structures

1. PAPER FORM AND SUBSTANCE

Attached is draft:

____ Resolution

 X Ordinance

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2. INTRODUCTION

Requestor seeks introduction:

 X Next Council Meeting (2/26/07) _____ No date requested

____ Other Date _____

3. COMMITTEE REFERRAL: Public Safety

4. FISCAL IMPACT

A. The fiscal impact now is estimated to be:

 X Zero or otherwise indeterminable – **not yet confirmed by the fiscal analyst**
____ Less than \$50,000
____ Less than \$100,000
____ More than \$100,000

B. A complete fiscal analysis will be completed

____ By the time the paper is introduced

 X By the following date: **Committee consideration**

5. ISSUES

 X None identified
____ As follows: _____