

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-537	Meeting:	December 23, 2024
	Agenda Item:	58	Roll Call:	[]
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Amend Sections 60-105 and 60-115 of the Municipal Code relating to pest control, light, and ventilation in rental properties.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommending approval of amending Section 60-105 to clarify owner responsibilities for pest control in multiple dwelling unit rental properties. The proposed amendment clarifies that property owners are ultimately responsible for pest control.

Staff is also requesting a correction to an errant cross reference in Section 60-115 as it relates to window sizes and openable areas of windows in habitable spaces.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A significant update of Chapter 60 was approved at the October 7, 2024, Council meeting. The effective date of these changes is February 1, 2025, to allow for time to train staff, inform stakeholders, and reconfigure our inspection software.
- This amendment will also go into effect on February 1, 2025.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 7, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1397](#)

Action: [Repeal](#) and replace Chapter 60 of the Municipal Code relating to rental property maintenance and blighted property. ([Council Communication No. 24-387](#)) Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Coleman. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: December 12, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-1956](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 60 of the Municipal Code relating to the Housing Code. ([Council Communication No. 22-566](#)) Moved by Voss that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 13, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-0959](#) and [22-0960](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 60 of the Municipal Code relating to carbon monoxide alarms. ([Council Communication No. 22-263](#)) Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

- (A) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six (6) votes. Moved by Gatto that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two (2) Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#16,140](#). Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

Date: June 13, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-0957](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 60 of the Municipal Code relating to the separation of shared forced air heating sources and testing of heating sources in rental units. Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker. ([Council Communication No. 22-264](#))

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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