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An Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Section 60-41, and by repealing Article IV, Real Estate Contract Sales Inspections of Chapter 60. Housing Code, and by adding and enacting a new Article IV, Real Estate Contract Sales Inspections of Chapter 60. Housing Code, relating to real estate contract sales inspections",

which was considered and voted upon for the first time under Roll Call No. 17-0807 of May 8, 2017, and considered and continued to June 12, 2017 under Roll Call No. 17-0891 of May 22, 2017, again presented,

(Council Communication No. 17.465)

Moved by	that	this	ordinance	be
considered and given second vote for passage.				

(Second of three required readings)

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

as amended

Changes from First Reading

ORDINANCE NO.	

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Section 60-41, and by repealing Article IV, Real Estate Contract Sales Inspections of Chapter 60. Housing Code, and by adding and enacting a new Article IV, Real Estate Contract Sales Inspections of Chapter 60. Housing Code, relating to real estate contract sales inspections.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, is hereby amended by amending Section 60-41, and by repealing Article IV, Real Estate Contract Sales Inspections of Chapter 60. Housing Code, and by adding and enacting a new Article IV, Real Estate Contract Sales Inspections of Chapter 60. Housing Code, relating to real estate contract sales inspections, as follows:

Sec. 60-41. Powers and duties.

The Housing Appeals Board shall:

- (1) Hold monthly hearings of appeals filed with the Administrator under this Article II and Article IV and concerning properties referred to the board by the Administrator.
- (2) Decide whether to grant variances and modifications.
- Rule on requests for additional time, provided that the granting of such additional time does not endanger the life, health, or safety of the occupants or the integrity of the structure.
- (4) Impose fines for any violation of this Article II and Article IV in the amount set forth in the schedule of administrative penalties adopted by the City Council by resolution. The Board shall have the authority to impose the maximum fine, a lesser fine, or to waive the fine upon good cause shown.
- (5) Direct that legal action be brought to enforce this Article II and Article IV when such action is deemed necessary.
- (6) Hear appeals of the amount of a penalty fine or assessment of a penalty fine.
- (7) Find that an owner(s) or authorized management agent is a habitual violator. A habitual violator is:
 - a. An owner(s) or authorized management agent who fails to correct a violation within the time period given by the notice and who has been

required to appear before the Housing Appeals Board for such failure three times or more on three separate occasions during a 12-month period shall be deemed a habitual violator if found by the board to have failed to correct the violations without good cause. Upon finding that the owner(s) is a habitual violator, an authorized management agent may also be deemed a habitual.

- b. The Housing Appeals Board is authorized to order the unified inspection of all properties owned or managed by a habitual violator. The fee for this unified inspection will be charged at regular inspection rates as set forth in the schedule of fees adopted by the City council by resolution. The owner(s) or authorized management agent will be placed on an accelerated inspection schedule by the Board, a category III certificate will be issued for each property. The fees as set forth in the schedule of fees adopted by the City Council by resolution shall be charged for such inspections.
- (8) Make specific recommendations to the City Council regarding matters pertaining to Article II and Article IV. this article.

ARTICLE IV

REAL ESTATE CONTRACT SALES INSPECTIONS

Sec. 60-220 General.

This Article provides regulations relating to sales of real property for the purpose of protecting the contract buyer(s) and to ensure the buyer(s) is aware of any defects in real estate which the buyer(s) is purchasing.

(C00, § 60-220; O.15,562)

Sec. 60-221. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

Contract shall mean a real estate installment purchase agreement for the intended transfer of residential real estate between a buyer and seller. A real estate installment purchase agreement is one which is payable in more than four (4) installments, not including the down payment. This Article does not apply to contracts for commercial property, vacant lots, or new construction.

Contract buyer shall mean the person or entity purchasing or acquiring the real property.

Contract seller shall mean the person or entity offering or transferring the real property for sale, or anyone acting on behalf of the contract seller. Contract seller shall not mean the following professionals licensed in Iowa acting on behalf of a contract seller: attorneys, real estate brokers, or salespersons.

Inspection shall mean a physical examination of the real estate and structure(s) to determine if the house would meet the code requirements set out in this Chapter, which shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the structural components, exterior, roofing, plumbing, heating, cooling,

electrical, insulation and ventilation, interior, fireplace, and solid fuel burning appliances of the

by an inspector to describe an inspection. Inspection report shall mean a report in a form approved by the Administrator and prepared

Inspector shall mean the individual who performs the examination of the real estate.

or governmental subdivision or agency, a business trust, an estate, a trust, a partnership or an association, or any other legal entity. Person shall mean an individual, a corporation, a limited liability company, a government

b, c, d, e, f, g, and h). not mean the conveyance of real estate interests as detailed under Iowa Code Section 558A.1 (4)(a, by which an interest in real property is conveyed. For the purpose of this Chapter, transfer shall Transfer shall mean the conveyance by sale, exchange, contract, or by any other method

Sec. 60-222. Inspector certification.

- 4 inspectors. An eligible professional association must have the following attributes: full or regular member in good standing of an eligible professional association for home All inspectors who perform the inspections of real estate pursuant to a contract shall be a
- Not for profit status;
- (2) Standards for Practice for its members;
- (3) Code of Ethics for its members;
- (4) Requires examinations for membership;
- (5) Requires annual continuing education.
- # or subsidiary entity owns five percent or more of such entity. subsidiary entity or any other entity in which the contract seller, its parent, brother, sister parent entity has an ownership interest in each entity or shares a common manager), or a No real estate inspector shall be employed by an entity that is owned by a contract seller The term affiliate means a parent, brother, or sister entity (meaning its
- 1 Chapter shall first obtain approval under the above standards. The Administrator shall have sole discretion to approve or deny the application Members of professional associations who are eligible to perform inspections under this
- **E** The Administrator shall maintain a current list of contract sales inspectors in good standing.

Sec. 60-223. Disqualification.

- **E** inspector's certification based upon any of the following: The Administrator shall have sole discretion to suspend or revoke a contract sales
- (1) Malfeasance:
- (2) Neglect of duty;
- (3) Incapacity;
- $\mathbf{\Xi}$ construction or real estate industry by an agency of any government; Disqualification, suspension, or debarment from any activity related to
- \$ law; or Offering or giving gifts or gratuities to employees of the city in violation of state
- \bigoplus Failure to comply with the requirements of this division.

- # previous subsection, then: from performing inspections pursuant to this Article for any of the reasons set forth in the If the Administrator determines that cause exists to disqualify a contract sales inspector
- \oplus The Administrator shall notify the affected contract sales inspector of
- a. the reasons supporting disqualification; and
- b. the proposed period for disqualification.
- Notice shall be sent to inspector by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code. The contract sales inspector may file an appeal to of the determination as set out in

Sec. 60-224. Procedures; Fees.

- (E) estate not more than sixty (60) days prior to the execution of the contract. acting on behalf of such person, shall obtain or update an inspection of the subject real A person seeking to transfer real property by contract, or a broker, salesperson or agent
- **E** estate setting out violations of Article I of this Chapter and remedial action. The inspector shall prepare an inspection report of the physical examination of the real
- 1 of good standing in an eligible professional association. The inspection report shall also include written certification that the inspector is a member
- **£** certified mail or by registered mail with return receipt. delivered to the contract buyer by personal service, notarized acceptance of service, fourteen (14) days prior to the execution of the contract. The inspection report shall be The inspection report shall be delivered to and received by the contract buyer at least
- 1 by resolution shall be filed with the Administrator at least (fourteen) 14 days prior to the report, and a filing fee in the amount set in the schedule of fees adopted by the City Council execution of the contract. Proof of delivery of the inspection report to the contract buyer, the contract inspection
- \oplus contract seller without an additional filing fee within one (1) year of the original inspection report. Subsequent inspection reports and updates for the same property may be filed by the same
- 9 the Administrator recorded copies of instruments transferring the real estate. Within seven (7) days following execution of the contract, the contract seller shall file with
- **E** interests in the property shall allow inspection or re-inspection upon reasonable notice by is required under this article. The city shall have the right to inspect and re-inspect any property for which an inspection All persons with ownership or authorized management

ARTICLE IV

REAL ESTATE CONTRACT SALES INSPECTIONS

Sec. 60-220. General.

This Article provides regulations relating to sales of real property and mobile homes for the purpose of protecting the contract buyer(s) and to ensure correction of any health and safety violations of this Article. Chapter and any defects in the real estate which the buyer(s) is purchasing.

Sec. 60-221. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, the following definitions shall apply; otherwise, definitions in Section 60-19 shall apply:

<u>Authorized management agent</u> means any person appointed by the owner(s) who has charge, care, or control of a structure or premises which is being sold on contract. Such person shall be authorized to accept service of communications from the City of Des Moines.

<u>Contract</u> shall mean a real estate installment purchase agreement for the intended transfer of residential real property and mobile homes between a buyer and seller.

<u>Contract buyer</u> shall mean the person or entity purchasing or acquiring the residential real property or mobile home.

<u>Contract seller</u> shall mean the person or entity offering or transferring the residential real property for sale, or anyone acting on behalf of the contract seller.

Inspection shall mean a physical examination of the real estate, structure(s), and mobile homes to determine if the real estate, structures, and mobile homes meet the code requirements set out in this ArticleChapter, which shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the accessory structures, structural components, exterior, roofing, plumbing, heating, cooling, electrical, insulation and ventilation, interior, fireplace, and solid fuel burning appliances of the real estate.

Person shall mean an individual, a corporation, a limited liability company, a government or governmental subdivision or agency, a business trust, an estate, a trust, a partnership or an association, or any other legal entity.

<u>Transfer</u> shall mean the conveyance by sale, exchange, contract, or by any other method by which an interest in real property is conveyed. For the purpose of this Chapter, transfer shall not mean the conveyance of real estate interests as detailed under Iowa Code Section 558A.1 (4).

Real estate installment purchase agreement means an agreement which is payable in installments, not including the down payment. This Article does not apply to contracts for commercial property, vacant lots, or new construction within one year of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Workmanlike means repairs, maintenance work, alterations or installations that are a request, directly or indirectly, by the enforcement of this Article which shall be executed and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and executed in a skilled manner, generally plumb, level, square, in line, undamaged, without marring adjacent work, using compatible materials approved for the use, like in nature and look to remaining material if there is a partial replacement or repair to maintain the structure and premise in good condition.

Sec. 60-222. Procedures; Fees.

- (a) A person seeking to transfer real property by contract, or a broker, salesperson or agent acting on behalf of such person, shall obtain or update an inspection of the subject real estate not more than thirty (30) sixty (60) days prior to the execution of the contract.
 - (1) At least thirty (30) sixty (60) days prior the execution of a contract the owner shall apply to the Division for inspection of the structure(s).
 - (2) The owner(s) of the property shall be required to sign and return the application.
 - (3) It is the responsibility of the owner(s) or authorized management agent to contact the Division to set the date and time of all inspections.
- (b) A filing fee in the amount set in the schedule of fees adopted by the City Council by resolution shall be filed with the Administrator at least fourteen (14) days prior to the execution of the contract.
- (c) Within seven (7) days following execution of the contract, the contract seller shall provide recorded copies of instruments transferring the real estate to the Administrator.

Sec. 60-223. Inspection, Notice of Violation and Method of Service

- (a) The Administrator shall inspect the primary dwelling unit(s), mobile home, accessory structure(s) and premise.
- (b) If the Administrator determines that the structure(s) and/or premises are being maintained in violation of this-Chapter Article, the Administrator shall give notice of the violation(s) to the owner(s) or authorized management agent of the premises. Such notice shall:
 - (1) Be in writing;
 - (2) Include a description of the real estate sufficient for identification;
 - (3) State that any health, safety, and maintenance violation(s) must be corrected within thirty (30) days from receipt of this the notice;
 - (4) Advise that if a violation(s) still exists upon re-inspection, the Administrator will refer the owner(s) or authorized management agent to the Housing Appeals Board;
 - (5) Advise that upon failure of the owner(s) or authorized management agent to arrange for a re-inspection within thirty (30) days from receipt of the notice, it will be presumed the violation(s) has not been abated and the Administrator will refer the owner(s) or authorized management agent to the Housing Appeals Board;
 - (6) Be mailed to the owner(s) of the premises or the authorized management agent designated by the application filed with the Division;
 - (7) Advise of the right to file an appeal of a violation set out in the notice of violation and the amount of the appeal fee; and
 - (8) Include a statement of the right of the Division to collect unpaid costs by personal judgment, collection, or assessment to be collected as a property tax.

Sec. 60-224. Contract Sales Maintenance Requirements.

(a) All repairs shall be done in a workmanlike manner and the site shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. All work must be done in accordance with the 2015

- International Property Maintenance Code, and any standard, national, and international codes as adopted by the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines.
- (b) All premises shall be graded and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water. All properties shall have positive drainage away from foundation.

Exception: Approved retention areas and reservoirs.

- (c) All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.
- (d) All accessory structures, including detached garages, sheds, fences, and walls, shall be structurally sound and in good condition,
- (e) All exterior surfaces shall be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood surfaces, other than decay resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. Peeling, flaking, and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted. All siding and masonry joints as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors, and skylights shall be maintained weather resistant and water tight. All metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion shall be coated to inhibit such rust corrosion and all surfaces with rust or corrosion shall be stabilized and coated to inhibit future rust and corrosion. Oxidation stains shall be removed from exterior surfaces. Surfaces designed for stabilization by oxidation are exempt from this requirement.
- (f) All structural members shall be maintained free from deterioration and shall be capable of safely supporting the imposed dead or live loads.
- (g) All foundation walls shall be maintained plumb and free from open cracks and breaks and shall be kept in such condition so as to prevent the entry of rodents and other pests.
- (h) All exterior walls shall be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials; and maintained weatherproof and properly surface-coated where required to prevent deterioration.
- (i) The shingles and flashing shall be in good condition and weather tight. No more than one layer of shingles are allowed. Soffit, fascia, and trim must be in good repair and impervious to weather. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration in the walls or interior portion of the structure. Roof drains, gutters, and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions. Roof water shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.
- (j) Cornices, belt courses, corbels, terracotta trim, wall facings and similar decorative features shall be maintained in good repair with proper anchorage and in a safe condition.
- (k) Every exterior stairway, deck, porch, and balcony and all appurtenances attached thereto. shall be maintained structurally sound in good repair with proper anchorage and capable of supporting the imposed load.
- (l) All chimneys, cooling towers, smoke stacks, and similar appurtenances shall be maintained structurally safe and sound and in good repair. All exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating material, such as paint or similar surface treatment.
- (m) Every handrail and guard shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.
 - (1) Handrails shall have minimum and maximum heights of 34 inches and 38 inches

terminate in newel posts or safety terminals. Handrails adjacent to a wall shall have continued the full length of the stairs for four or more risers from a point directly provided on at least one side of the stairway. All required handrails shall be ledge and is offset and immediately continues. Ends shall be returned and shall turns and at one location in a straight stairs when the rail terminates into a wall or light. Continuous handrails shall be permitted to be interrupted by newel posts espectively, measured vertically from the nosing of the treads and shall pace of not less than one and one-half inches between the wall and the handrail bove the top riser of the flight to a point directly above the lowest riser of the

- Handrail grasp ability. Handrails with circular cross section shall have an outside shall provide equivalent grasp ability. diameter of at least one and one-quarter inches and not greater than two inches or
- Guard required. One- and two- family dwellings with porches, balconies or raised ornamental patterns such that a four-inch diameter sphere cannot pass through. have guards not less than 36 inches in height. Open guards shall have balusters of floor surfaces located more than 30 inches above the floor or below grade shall
- condition, good repair and weather tight. material which is glazed and without cracks or holes, door and frame shall be kept in sounce window or skylight shall be fully supplied with window glass or an approved
- held in position by window hardware. Every window, other than a fixed window, shall be easily openable and capable of being
- for ventilation shall be supplied with 16 mesh per inch. approved tight fitting screens of not less than 16 mesh per inch. All screen doors required self-closing device in good working order All openable windows in habitable rooms, inclusive of all bathrooms shall be supplied with Every swinging door shall have
- Locks at all entrances to dwelling units shall tightly secure the door. All exterior doors, door assemblies and hardware shall be maintained in good condition
- surface dramage water. Every basement hatchway shall be maintained to prevent the entrance of rodents, rain, and
- supporting the imposed loads. All interior structural members shall be maintained structurally sound and capable of
- Plumbing fixtures shall be properly installed and maintained in working order, and shal as adopted by the Municipal Code. plumbing components must be installed in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code for which such plumbing fixtures are designed. Plumbing fixtures shall be maintained be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects and be capable of performing the function safe, sanitary and functional condition. All plumbing repairs and or replacement
- Every sink, lavatory, bathtub, shower, water closet, or other plumbing fixture shall be showers shall be supplied with hot and cold running water in sufficient volume and accordance with state law. All kitchen sinks, lavatories, laundry facilities, bathtubs, properly connected to either a public water system or a private water system tested in pressures adequate to enable the fixtures to function properly, safely, and free form defects and
- Where it is found that the plumbing system in a structure constitutes a hazard to the connection

constitute a hazard, it must be corrected prior to occupancy to eliminate the hazard. backsiphonage, improper installation, deterioration or damage, or for similar reason to

- provided. An approved combination temperature and pressure relief valve and relief valve and laundry facility at a minimum temperature of 110 degrees Fahrenheit or 43 degree an adequate amount of water to be drawn at every required sink, lavatory, bathtub, shower Water heating facilities shall be properly installed, maintained, and capable of providing discharge pipe shall be properly installed and maintained on water heaters redroom, or other occupied room normally kept closed, unless adequate combustion air i elsius. A gas-burning water heater shall not be located in any bathroom, toilet room
- a safe and approved manner. Electrical equipment, wiring and appliances shall be properly installed and maintained
- protected with a main disconnect. All electrical services with breaker panels containing six or more breakers must be
- Every kitchen shall contain at least two separate and remote receptacle outlets, which shall be supplied by a separate 20 ampere branch circuit. Outlets whose receptacles are rendere naccessible by stationary outlet appliances will not be considered as required outlets.
- over of the location. ault circuit interrupter protection. All electrical outlets shall have the appropriate faceplate contain not less than one receptacle. Any new bathroom receptacle outlet shall have ground eceptacle or a receptacle with a ground fault circuit interrupter. Every bathroom sha eceptacle outlets. Every laundry area shall contain not less than one grounding-type Every habitable space in a dwelling shall contain not less than two separate and remote
- occupants or the structure by reason of inadequate service, improper fusing, insufficien Where it is found that the electrical service in a corrected eliminate the hazards. or similar reasons, there shall be no occupancy until repairs are made to the defects to eceptacle and lighting outlets, improper wiring or installation, deterioration or damage, structure constitutes a hazard to the
- Systems, devises and equipment to detect a fire, acute and alarm, suppress or control a fire or any combination of shall be installed and be in good working order.
- outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom Every dwelling unit shall have an approved smoke detector on the ceiling or wal
- Every room used for sleeping shall have an approved smoke detector
- full story below the upper level Every story within a dwelling unit, suffice for the adjacent lower level, provided that the door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shal detector. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening including crawlspaces and uninhabitable attics, shall have an approved smoke including basements and cellars. lower level IS than one but no
- Lead-based paint on the following surfaces shall be removed in accordance with Federa and State requirements:
- (1) Interior window sills
- 2) Handrails.
- Stair treads not completely covered by carpeting or other suitable material

- (4) Friction surfaces, which means any interior or exterior surface that is subject to abrasion or friction, including but not limited to certain window, door, and floor surfaces.
- (5) Any other area where there is demonstrable evidence of chewing activity or evidence that paint has been damaged or deteriorated.
- (ee) Mechanical appliances, fireplaces, solid fuel-burning appliances, air conditioning units and water heating appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe working condition, and shall be capable of performing the intended function.

Sec. 60-224 60-225. Compliance Required.

An owner shall abate all violations of this—Chapter Article and bring the property into compliance prior to transferring property on contract, unless the owner or authorized management agent and contract buyer enters into a renovation agreement. If the owner(s) does not abate the violations or enter into a renovation agreement, then the property will be referred to the Housing Appeals Board as set out in this Chapter.

Sec. 60-225 60-226. Renovation Agreement.

- (a) An owner(s), authorized management agent or contract buyer may make a written request accompanied by the fee set forth in the schedule of fees for an extension of time to complete repairs that is specific to the structure, mobile home or premise and must show that:
 - (1) Strict compliance with this Chapter Article is impractical;
 - (2) The extension does not violate the intent and purpose of the Municipal Code; and
 - (3) Such modification does not endanger the life, health, or safety of the occupants or the integrity of the structure.
- (b) At the Administrator's discretion, proof of financial ability to complete the repair(s) may be requested and must be provided by the owner(s), authorized management agent or contract buyer prior to approval.
- (c) Extensions of time will be entered into by the owner(s), authorized management agent, the contract buyer(s) and the Administrator through an executed renovation agreement.
- (d) An owner(s), authorized management agent or contract buyer(s) may appeal a denial of an extension to the Housing Appeals Board.
- (e) Upon failure to comply with a renovation agreement the owner(s) or authorized management agent and contract buyer will be referred to the Housing Appeals Board.

Sec.-60-226 60-227. Appeals.

Appeals shall be handled as set forth in this Chapter. The Housing Appeals Board shall have the authority to enter fines for failure to comply with this Article as set out in the schedule of fees adopted by the city council by resolution.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:

Jessica D. Spoden, Assistant City Attorney