



Roll Call Number

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Date October 23, 2023

**APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE RENTAL HOUSING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM POLICY AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS SEPARATION OF SHARED FORCED AIR HEATING SOURCES AND KNOCKOUT PANELS**

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-0957 and Roll Call No. 22-0958 (Council Communication No. 22-264), the City Council approved the addition of Sections 60-185 and 60-186 to the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 60-185 requires the separation of shared forced air heating sources, so each dwelling unit has a separate heating source, and shared vents and ductwork are eliminated; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 60-170 requires elimination of all knockout panels; and

**WHEREAS**, separation of shared forced air heating and elimination of knockout panels from rental units shall be completed by property owners by the second license renewal inspection after June 1, 2021 and no later than June 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines has set aside funding in fiscal year 2024 to assist rental housing owners affected by the code additions; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding to address separation of shared forced air heating and elimination of knockout panels is through the Rental Housing Enhancement Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that

1. The Rental Housing Enhancement Program Policy, as attached hereto, is hereby approved, and the Neighborhood Services staff are directed and authorized to administer said Program in accordance with said Policy and Procedures.
2. The Neighborhood Services Director or their designee is authorized to finalize, implement, administer, and periodically review and update the Neighborhood Services Department Rental Housing Enhancement Policy and Program.

(Council Communication No. 23-468)



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Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Voss

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.  
Gary Goudelock, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T.M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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.

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk