



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR
May 2, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Paul Buddenhagen, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services

Subject: Companion Report: Safe and Affordable Housing Policy Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION

If the City Council would like to adopt the Safe and Affordable Housing Policy outlined in the Housing Advisory Commission's report, staff recommends that the Council refer this issue to the Council's 2018 priority ranking process to evaluate alongside other referrals for City staff time and funding.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

More evaluation of the proposed program is required to determine the staffing and other resources necessary to implement this policy concept, as well as to estimate the number of households that may be affected.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At its January 5, 2017 meeting, the Housing Advisory Commission voted to recommend that the City adopt a Safe and Affordable Housing Policy. The outlined policy would apply rent control protections to units that have been unpermitted and are being legalized. To develop and implement the policy, the Planning Department, which works on the legalization of units, would need to work closely with the Rent Stabilization Board, which administers rent control protections, to identify options for assisting tenants without undermining important zoning requirements.

BACKGROUND

See the Housing Advisory Commission's report for additional background information.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No environmental effects are directly associated with the action of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

As of November 1, 2016, there were 49 housing-related referrals to the Health, Housing & Community Services and Planning Departments. Neither department has resources to meet existing demands, including other prioritized referrals. Staff depend on Council's priority setting.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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