



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012

Building and Standards Commission

The Commission's mission statement is: *The Building and Standards Commission is established to hear cases concerning alleged violations of the City's housing and dangerous building regulations.*

The Building and Standard Commission shall have the powers and duties and comply with the procedures established by Texas Local Government Code Chapters 54 and 214 and the Austin City Code, Article 9: Property Maintenance Code, Chapter 25-12-211 through 25-12-213.

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**
 - The Building and Standards Commission (BSC) met on 11 occasions to hear cases involving substandard/dangerous properties.
 - The BSC heard 57 cases.
 - One of the BSC meetings was a Special Called meeting on June 4, 2012. This meeting was convened to hear (15) cases for the property located at 1900 Burton Drive.
 - A BSC Retreat was held on July 18, 2012. The retreat was held to review procedures, Bylaws and the Texas Local Government Code Chapters 54 and 214.
 - Funds collected for liens for demolition of substandard/dangerous structures: **\$98,877.35**
 - Funds collected for penalties in non-compliance cases of substandard/dangerous structures: **\$203,716.04**

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

- The Commission issued 4 demolition orders.
- The Commission issued 1 order for fencing.
- The Commission issued 1 vacate order.
- The Commission issued 34 repair orders.
- The Commission placed 1 case in abeyance
- One appeal was heard by the Commission; and was denied.
- The Commission has complied with its mission to hear and act on cases pertaining to substandard and dangerous structures in the City.
- The Commission's actions directly resulted in eliminating substandard and dangerous conditions at properties throughout the City.
- The Commission addressed legal issues pronounced by the Supreme Court of Texas on January 27, 2012: *City of Dallas v. Stewart and Jayanti Patel v. City of Everman*
- The Commission voted to recommend, to City Council, the adoption of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code and Local Amendments.
- Directed staff to investigate initiative on how to minimize negative impacts of vacate/demolition orders on tenants. This action became the focal point for Council to pass the following resolution:
 - **Resolution No. 20121101-039** (emergency displacement)
- Directed staff to investigate impact of BSC's orders on affordable housing in the community. This action became the focal point for Council to pass the following resolution:
 - **Resolution No. 20121108-059** (tenant relocation)

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

- Staff will determine the need for a Building and Standards Commission retreat