

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 26288 Agenda Number 12.

Meeting Date: 9/26/2013 Department: Code Compliance

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 4 to add Chapter 4-14 relating to registration of rental property; establishing a penalty, and amending Section 2-1-122 relating to the Building and Standards Commission. Related to Item # 11.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council	
Action:	
For More	Carl Smart, Director / 974-1970
Information:	Call Silar, Director / 3/4-19/0
Boards and	8/29/2013 Building and Standards Commission reviewed the proposed ordinance; 9/17/2013
Commission	Community Development Commission recommended approval and made additional
Action:	recommendations.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

City Council Resolution No. 20130606-049 directed the City Manager to create a registration program for rental properties with repeated violations of the City's health and safety requirements.

A rental property will be on the Repeat Violators Program if they meet one of three conditions (during a consecutive 12 month period): two or more notices of violation (not corrected), five or more notices of violation issued, or two or more citations.

The program requires:

- Properties will be in the program at least two years.
- Registrant/local contact must respond to emergencies within two hours in any 24 hour period.
- A tenant list of names and contact numbers kept on the property and available in an emergency.
- Periodic inspection may occur once every year.
- Notice must be given to the tenant prior to inspections.

The program also includes a process to suspend and revoke a registration.