



## **Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013**

### **BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION**

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

The Building and Standards Commission shall have the powers and duties and comply with the procedures established by Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 54, Subchapter C (*Quasi-Judicial Enforcement of Health and Safety Ordinances*), and Chapter 25-12, Article 9 (*Property Maintenance Code*) of the Austin City Code.

**1. Describe the Commission's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the Commission's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

- The Commission met on **14** occasions to hear cases involving substandard/dangerous properties.
- The Commission heard a total of **94** cases.
- The Commission special called meeting scheduled for **April 9, 2013** was cancelled because parties were close to working out a deal re: resolution of a group of cases involving 15 apartment buildings.
- The Commission meeting scheduled for **July 24, 2013** was cancelled in lieu of special called meeting on July 30, 2013 to hear staff presentations on City Council Resolution Nos. 20130606-049 and 20130606-050.
- The Commission meeting scheduled for **October 23, 2013** was cancelled due to lack of quorum.
- Funds collected for liens for demolition of substandard/dangerous structures: **\$82,258.70**
- Funds collected for penalties in non-compliance cases of substandard/dangerous structures: **\$471,345.00**

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

- The Commission issued **7** demolition orders.
- The Commission issued **14** repair orders.
- One appeal was heard by the Commission.
- The Commission issued **17** modified repair orders.
- 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.

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

- Staff will coordinate a Building and Standards Commission retreat.
- Staff will attempt to increase the number of cases heard by the Commission.
- Staff will modify presentation to the Commission in order to be more effective.
- Staff will investigate adding civil penalties to demolition orders.
- Staff will coordinate ride-alongs for Commissioner's for first hand observations substandard and dangerous structures.