



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021

BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

The Board/Commission mission statement is:

The Building and Standards Commission (BSC) 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 the 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 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 Commission met on **12** occasions to hear cases involving substandard and unsafe or dangerous properties, and appeals.
- The Commission heard a total of **105** new cases.
- The Commission heard a total of **99** returning cases.
- Of the new and returning cases heard by the Commission, **60** or **29.4%** were registered with the Repeat Offender Program.
- The Commission received updates on **1** case, and heard briefings from staff on several additional topics, such as Winter Storm Uri multi-family and the Repeat Offender Program.
- The Commission met as a body on **11** out of **11** monthly meeting dates during this period, also the Commission met for **one** special called meeting. One of the regular meetings was called to order but, due to technical difficulties, the meeting was adjourned without any cases being heard. The Commission elected to forego its annual retreat until additional commissioners have been on-boarded.

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

- The Commission issued **46** repair orders.
- The Commission issued **5** demolition orders.
- The Commission issued **4** orders to secure or reinforce a structure, and continue the case until a later date.
- The Commission heard **3** appeals for Notices of Violation, all of which were denied.
- The Commission considered **2** orders for relief of the civil penalty. The Commission took no action on **1** order and reduced the civil penalty to **\$0** in **1** order.

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

- Staff will coordinate a Building and Standards Commission retreat.
- Commissioners are engaged and educated in the motion-making process.
- The Commission will provide more clarity to citizens who address the Commission.
- Staff will prioritize Repeat Offender (ROP) cases, dangerous cases, and old cases, and will include such cases on the regular BSC agenda.
- Staff will provide informational materials to the Commission and the general public, to help better understand the BSC process.



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