



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: November 8, 2010

To: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair – Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee

Referral to: Council Member Don Samuels, Chair – Public Safety & Health Committee

Subject: Report on progress of integration, training programs, and performance of all inspections programs between the Fire Prevention Bureau and the Department of Regulatory Services

Recommendation: Receive and file

Previous Directives: May 28, 2010 – City Council approval of a reorganization of the City's inspections management responsibilities. Fire Prevention Bureau inspections operations will be transferred to and managed by Regulatory Services. Inspections will be conducted pursuant to Regulatory Services standard operating procedures.

Department Information

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Approved by:



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Henry Reimer, Assistant Director of Regulatory Services



Tom Deegan, Manager of Problem Properties Unit

Presenters in Committee: Tom Deegan

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ____ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- City Goals
- Other

Supporting Information

- The Minneapolis Fire department has completed training all of their Fire Captains to perform residential inspections in four or more units.
- Regulatory Services and the Fire Marshal's staff have held regularly scheduled weekly meetings to re-write an inspection format to help gain capacity in their management.
- Regulatory Services will move the Fire Prevention Bureau into other office space in their department early spring 2011.
- Regulatory Services staff are working on a memorandum of understanding with Fire department leadership to be completed and instituted prior to 1/1/2011.
- Fire prevention staff being re-assigned to Regulatory Services have been integrated into the organizational chart with new responsibilities.
- The Fire Department will be integrated into the tiered inspections program.
- Ordinance changes to address the move of the Fire Prevention Bureau will be coming through Council during the December 10th council meeting cycle.