

RESOLUTION TO EXPAND RENTAL INSPECTION STAFF

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor is responsible for ensuring safe, habitable, and code-compliant rental housing through its rental inspection program;

Whereas, The number of rental units in Ann Arbor will continue increase significantly due to ongoing and future housing developments;

Whereas, The current number of rental inspectors has not kept pace with the increase in rental properties, leading to longer inspection timelines and potential gaps in enforcement;

Whereas, The Renters Commission has identified longstanding concerns about understaffing in the rental inspection program, which may compromise the City's ability to effectively enforce housing standards and protect tenant safety;

Whereas, Additional rental inspectors would help reduce inspection delays, improve compliance with housing codes, and ensure landlords maintain safe and habitable housing for tenants;

Whereas, A well-resourced rental inspection program aligns with the City's goals for housing equity, tenant protections, and proactive enforcement of rental standards;

Resolved, the Ann Arbor Renters Commission requests the City Council include funding for at least 3 additional rental inspectors in the upcoming FY26 budget to strengthen rental inspection capacity and maintain high standards for rental housing quality in Ann Arbor.

Resolved, That the City Council is encouraged to assess the long-term staffing needs of the rental inspection program and utilize strategies to ensure adequate enforcement resources as the rental market continues to expand.

Approved by the Renters Commission – May 2025