



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
May 12, 2025

Submitted by:
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Roger Rinehart, Code Enforcement Supervisor

Item Title: **ORDINANCE 12-2025** | AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 50, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" IN ITS ENTIRETY, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 68, "HOUSING STANDARDS" IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND TO ADOPT CHAPTER 49 "RENTAL HOUSING"

Work Session Item [X]
Council Meeting Item [X]

Documentation Attached:
Ordinance 12-2025

Recommended Action:

SECOND READING: Town Staff recommends the approval of Ordinance 12-2025, which approves updates to the Town code, adds a section on Rental Licenses, and repeals other sections. Staff further recommends one minor change to the previously posed items regarding grass height, page 18, section 49-11 (C).

Council Summary – Ordinance 12-2025: Rental Housing and Property Maintenance Updates | As part of the Town's ongoing efforts to improve housing quality and ensure safe, healthy living conditions for all residents. This ordinance does the following:

- **Repeals and reenacts Chapter 50 – Property Maintenance** – adopting the **International Property Maintenance Code** used by Prince George's County. This update ensures consistency with modern standards for building safety and property upkeep.
- **Repeals Chapter 68 – Housing Standards**, which is now consolidated and modernized under the new structure.
- **Establishes a new Chapter 49—Rental Housing**, which requires rental properties to be registered and inspected regularly. This measure is designed to better protect tenants, maintain safe housing conditions, and support code compliance.
- **49-11 (C) Grass Height Change**—The Town's grass height is currently nine (9) inches, compared to twelve (12) inches in the previous version. **We recommend this minor change.**

The ordinance also establishes **rental license fees** and allows the Town Council to pass **rules and regulations** to support the implementation and enforcement of the new code.

Ordinance 12-2025 is scheduled for a second reading and vote on May 12, 2025. If adopted, it will take effect **20 days after adoption**. These changes align with the Town's strategic goal of maintaining high-quality housing standards and protecting the health and welfare of its residents.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, the Town Administrator or the Code Enforcement Supervisor will be able to answer them.

Budgeted Item: Yes [] No [X]
Budgeted Amount: \$
One-Time Cost: NA
Ongoing Cost:

Continued Date:

Council Priority: Yes [] No []

Approved Date: