



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	PUBLIC HEARINGS
MEETING DATE	JULY 27, 2026

ITEM:	Consideration of Resolution 2026-50, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights against the Rental Property at 3957 Polk Street NE for Non-compliance of the Residential Property Maintenance Codes Due to Persistent Failure of Inspections.		
<i>Presenting Item:</i> Brad Roddy, Assistant Fire Chief			
DEPARTMENT: Fire		BY/DATE: Brad Roddy / July 22, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		☐ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
☐ High Quality Public Spaces		☐ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
☒ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		☐ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND:

Revocation of the license to operate rental units within the City of Columbia Heights is requested against the property at 3957 Polk Street NE for non-compliance of the Residential Property Maintenance Codes due to persistent failure of inspections after multiple phone calls, written letters, emails, inspections, and re-inspections beginning April 22, 2026.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS:

On April 22, 2026, inspectors for the City of Columbia Heights inspected the property described above and noted violations. A compliance letter listing the violations was mailed by email and regular mail to the owner at the addresses listed on the Rental Housing License Application.

On May 13, 2026, and May 20, 2026, inspectors for the City of Columbia Heights inspected the property described above and noted that violations remained uncorrected. Compliance letters listing the violations were mailed by email and regular mail to the owner at the addresses listed on the Rental Housing License Application.

On June 12, 2026, inspectors for the City of Columbia Heights performed a re-inspection and noted that violations remained uncorrected. A Statement of Cause was mailed via regular mail to the owner at the address listed on the rental housing license application.

On July 16, 2026, inspectors for the City of Columbia Heights attempted to perform another re-inspection but were unable to gain access inside. Inspectors found that the exterior violations remained uncorrected.

Based upon records of the Enforcement Office, the following conditions and violations need to be corrected:

- a. Shall have a professional exterminator check the building for cockroaches. Shall properly treat infested areas as needed. Shall provide proof of all work performed/extermination to the fire department inspection office.
- b. Shall repair deck throughout property to maintain it in a structurally sound manner.

All parties, including the License Holder and any occupants or tenants, have been given the appropriate notice of this hearing according to the provisions of the City Code.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend revocation of this rental license for tenants' safety and due to the ongoing nature of the violations.

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:
MOTION: Move to close the hearing and waive the reading of Resolution 2026-50, there being ample copies available to the public. MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-50, approving revocation of the Rental License for the property located at 3957 Polk Street NE.

ATTACHMENT:

Res. 2026-50—Revoke for Uncorrected Violations at 3957 Polk St. NE
Property Photos