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City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Council Consideration of an Amendment to the Code Enhancing the Boarded Windows Ordinance-Code Enforcement, Legal

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Work Session Date: August 15, 2022

Council Meeting Date: August 15, 2022

Background/History:

In February 2020, the City Council adopted an ordinance regulating the boarding up of windows and doors within the City. The intention of the ordinance was to allow the limited permitting of the boarding up of windows and doors with the expectation that property owners would make repairs to such doors and windows prior to the expiration of such permits.

Since adoption, a number of properties have obtained the necessary permits, but the owners have not made the necessary repairs to their properties. Instead, they have merely renewed their permits, month after month.

It is proposed that the ordinance be strengthened by only allowing one renewal and adding a specific penalty for the failure of a property owner to make the repairs required to be made in order to get the permit. The fee for a renewal has been increased to take into account the substantial additional staff time involved in monitoring compliance with the ordinance for those owners that have failed to maintain their properties in compliance with the code.

Cost: \$

Budgeted for: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Financial Impact:

Variable

Action Requested from Council:

Approval of the ordinance