

# EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** October 19, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Sustainability

**TITLE:**

Discussion of Vacant Property Ordinance

**SUMMARY:**

Initial draft ordinance governing the maintenance and upkeep of vacant improved and unimproved properties throughout the City.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

For several years, there has been interest in having a more formal ordinance governing the maintenance, upkeep, security and appearance of vacant properties in the City. Vacant properties can be unimproved or improved. Unimproved properties are vacant lots with no buildings, structures or other improvements. Improved properties are those with buildings, structures or other improvements.

Provided for discussion before the Commission is a draft ordinance outlining specific requirements for the maintenance of both types of vacant properties. Some of the proposed requirements include lighting, sod, perimeter fencing, screening of windows, local property management contact and other measures to ensure safety and a pleasing appearance.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove providing direction to staff to proceed with formalizing property maintenance ordinance.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Draft Ordinance