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### Update on Amendments to Ch 11 of Greensboro Code of Ordinances (Minimum Housing Code)

Department: Neighborhood Development

Council District: All

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#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide an update on the recent amendments to Chapter 11 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances (Minimum Housing Code) and the impact, results and outcomes of these changes regarding code compliance activities.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In July 2013, City Council approved major changes to the city's Minimum Housing Code as recommended by the post-RUCO committee. State legislation was passed in 2011, which prohibited local municipalities from performing and requiring Rental Unit Certifications. With the loss of rental certification as a tool to ensure rental units across Greensboro were compliant with the Minimum Housing Code, the post-RUCO committee worked to recommend changes to Chapter 11 that would strengthen enforcement efforts and compliance, including: the issuance of civil penalties; limiting the number of extensions an inspector could provide; and requiring quarterly reports to track code enforcement activities. In September 2015, City Council approved additional revisions to the Minimum Housing Code by: amending to the civil penalty section and the extension's section; correcting the wording throughout in order to be compliant with state statutes; and to provide the framework for the Minimum Housing Standards Commission to consider and to uphold an Inspector's Order to Repair, as well as, an Order to Demolish, and thus strengthening the revisions from 2013.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

None

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None

