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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services  
**CM/DCM/ACM:** Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager  
**DATE:** July 11, 2024

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold discussion, and give staff recommendation on proposed updates to Chapter 17 of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances.

### **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

This action supports Key Focus Area: Support Healthy and Safe Communities.

### **BACKGROUND**

Revisions to Denton's Property Maintenance Code, [Chapter 17 \(linked\)](#), are proposed to provide clarity and ensure that the needs of the community are being met. Community Improvement Services have reviewed each section of the current ordinance and compared it to the International Property Maintenance Code 2021, Texas State Statutes, and Other Local Cities, and received feedback to draft proposed revisions. Staff have engaged the community for feedback on these updates through continued public meetings, City website, social media, fliers, and targeted emails to housing associates in our community.

The Denton Property Maintenance Code has not been updated in over seven (7) years. The proposed changes outlined below are designed to improve clarity and align ordinance with current standards and other ordinances.

Proposed changes:

- Revisions to the Dangerous Building Ordinance to be more transparent and concise.
- Removal of Section 17-21 Odor in its entirety as we have ordinance in other areas of code that supersede this and are less subjective.
- Addition of (k) to Section 17-40 Vegetation.
- Section 17-80 Maintenance of Perimeter Fences: Removal of five-degree lean.
- Section 17-2 New definitions and revised definitions.

On July 11, 2024, staff will provide a high-level overview of the proposed updates for review and receive direction from HABSCo before proceeding to council in August.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

June 8, 2023: HABSCo review and discussion.

July 13, 2023: HABSCo review and discussion.

August 10, 2023: HABSCo review and discussion.

November 9, 2023 HABSCo review and discussion.

June 13, 2024 – HABSCo review and discussion.

### **ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT**

- July 11, 2024 – Propose Update to HABSCo
- August 20, 2024 – Propose Update at Council Meeting
- September 2024 – Present final DPMC Chapter 17 updates to council for approval.
- October-November 2024 – Educate Public on Updates
- December 2024 – Full Update Implementation

### **EXHIBITS**

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. DPMC Chapter 17 HABSCo Presentation July
3. DPMC Ch 17 – Condensed Redline HABSCo July
4. DPMC Ch 17 – Redline HABSCo July

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