



Office of Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

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City Focuses on Housing Stock, Beginning Annual Door-to-Door Inspections

MAPLE HEIGHTS – In looking towards 2022, the Department of Building is implementing an Annual Door-to-Door Inspection Program, which involves the Department making proactive exterior maintenance inspections on the City's housing. This Program will ensure that all parts of the City receive equal care and attention, help maintain the City's housing stock, and, in the long-term, prevent properties from deteriorating without attention to the point that they need to be demolished.

The Program will inspect all residential properties in the City on a 5-year rotating basis in each of the 7 Council Districts per year. To begin the Program, the Department has identified a street, or section of small streets, in each Council District to inspect this Fall, 2021. In some Districts, these inspections have already begun. The Annual Door-to-Door Inspection Program will begin again in Spring 2022.

Those houses that are found to have violations will be given a violation notice with an initial compliance date of **March 31, 2022**. But, if we are still experiencing winter weather in March, the compliance date will automatically be extended to **April 30, 2022** and if residents need additional time they should contact the Department of Building and a compliance extension can be granted.

Grant Proposal to Assist Residents

The City recognizes that this is the first time in a long time that the City is implementing such a Program and that such repairs are not inexpensive. Mayor Blackwell is including in the 2022 Budget Proposal funding for an Exterior Maintenance Grant Program and exploring opportunities to work with other home repair loan programs which will be able to assist residents in making some of these repairs. These grant programs are a vital component to ensuring that the City is both ensuring the housing stock is well-maintained and acting as partners to residents in making these much-needed repairs.

Questions about the Project should be directed to the Office of the Mayor at (216) 587-9011.

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