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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016-238 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION

1 ENDORSING the establishment of a 90-day pilot program to study a designated area  
2 within the West-Central Neighborhood for the purpose of assessing the  
3 impact of targeted enforcement of a one- and two-family unit, life safety  
4 housing inspection program and recommending improvements to  
5 existing City Code as a result of such study.  
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8 WHEREAS, community listening meetings have identified chronic nuisance  
9 properties as a significant community concern; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the number of housing complaints in the City has been increasing;  
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14 WHEREAS, during nuisance related inspections housing inspectors are  
15 increasingly identifying significant life safety issues; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the West Central Neighborhood has volunteered to assist in the pilot  
18 program project; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the information collected during the pilot program will assist the City  
21 with improving existing Code provisions and practices pertaining to certain types of  
22 nuisance issues.  
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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
25 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that;  
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27 Section 1 –Council endorses the establishment of a 90-day work/study program  
28 to fully evaluate the concept of one- and two-family unit life safety inspections.  
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30 Section 2 – Upon completion of the pilot program a report of the findings and  
31 recommendations from the pilot program will be presented to Council for further  
32 consideration.  
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34 Section 3 – This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from the date that the  
35 pilot program is implemented and shall continue for a period of 90 days.

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Passed at meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

Filed as Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form: *Duke McDonald*, Assistant City Attorney

Approved for council action: *Jay Burt*, City Manager

**EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL NO: 2016-238**

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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Building Development Services

PURPOSE: To endorse the establishment of a 90-day pilot program to study a designated area within the West-Central Neighborhood for the purpose of assessing the impact of targeted enforcement of a one- and two-family unit, life safety housing inspection program and recommending improvements to existing City Code as a result of such study.

BACKGROUND: Throughout the community listen process, citizens in eight of the nine meetings identified chronic nuisance properties as their number one concern. During this same period the number of housing complaints related to nuisance issues has increased. Inspections are also increasingly revealing life safety concerns for occupants of these properties.

The West Central Neighborhood Association has volunteered to assist the City by participating in a pilot program and identifying a geographic area in their neighborhood the study of which will provide the City with data for further analysis and review.

The exact impact with respect to the volume of cases and the amount of time on current staff to execute the pilot program is not known. The pilot program will assist the City in a focused evaluation of the nature and severity of nuisance concerns. One objective during the pilot program will be to thoughtfully evaluate existing procedures and practices for future improvement City-wide.

REMARKS: This Resolution is intended to initiate a program designed to collect and analyze information in a systematic manor to determine the impact and possible benefits for the community should Code changes be desirable for application City-wide.

Recommended by:

Approved by:

  
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Chris Straw, Director  
Building Development Services

  
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Greg Burris  
City Manager