



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 ("Housing"), Article 2 ("Residential Rental License"), Section 12-2-12 ("Crime Free Housing") and Chapter 16 ("Nuisances") Article 3 ("Criminal Nuisance Abatement"), Section 16-3-6 ("Abatement - Administrative Hearing; Relief; Fines") and Section 16-3-7 ("Alternative Enforcement") of the Oak Park Village Code

Overview

On July 18, 2016, the Village Board adopted a Crime Free Housing Ordinance which is codified as Section 12-2-12 of the Village Code. Staff is recommending that the Ordinance be amended to remove the crime free housing lease addendum provisions.

Recommendation

Approve the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

Background

On July 18, 2016, the Village Board adopted a Crime Free Housing Ordinance which is codified as Section 12-2-12 of the Oak Park Village Code. The Ordinance was adopted after a series of criminal activities occurred at rental properties in the Village. The Ordinance required owners to attend a crime free housing seminar that the Village incorporates into its annual management seminar. Additionally, Section 12-2-12 provides that all leases are required to contain a crime-free housing lease addendum substantially in the form provided in the Ordinance.

On April 20, 2022, the Village received a letter from the NAACP and the NYU School of Law stating that certain provisions of the crime-free lease addendum requirement are vague and overbroad. Staff recommends repealing the crime-free lease addendum requirement in its entirety and maintaining the annual management seminar requirement for Village apartment building owners. The annual management seminar pre-dates the Crime Free Housing Ordinance and is a valuable communication tool with Village apartment building owners.

Alternatives

Request additional information.

Previous Board Action

On July 18, 2016, the Village Board adopted the Crime Free Housing Ordinance which is codified as Section 12-2-12 of the Village Code.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A