



## 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