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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

DATE: February 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Background Report On Rental & Private Property Maintenance Codes

The consideration of residential maintenance codes has occupied over three years of sustained effort by the Council, staff and community members. The next scheduled step in that discussion will occur at a Council round table on March 30.

In preparation for that round table, on March 2 staff will review with Council the last three years' efforts to address the property maintenance issue. Previous Council reports dealing with this issue were distributed to Council members two weeks ago as background for Tuesday's review. The information presented will include last year's changes to the City's Rental Housing Code that involve property maintenance issues.

At your March 30, 2010 round table discussion, you will then be exposed to the work of the ad hoc Private Residence Property Maintenance Committee, as well as their recommendations to apply minimum property maintenance regulations to owner-occupied homes. The background report for that meeting will also be distributed to you two weeks in advance of the meeting.