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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
May 12, 2021

The Public Safety Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. Committee members present: Chair Seidler, Vice Chair Palmer, and Member Ketchum. Others present: Tom Connelly and Brenda J. Delbert.

The following matters were discussed:

Rental Inspection Program:

Mr. Seidler presented the draft rental inspection program. The proposal is a self-inspection with different categories broken down into levels based on severity. Mr. Palmer states he is not in support of fees being associated with program and does not believe the current Building Department could staff the changes. Mr. Seidler indicates the idea of self-inspection will take burden off of city departments and allow freedom for landlords. The following individuals spoke against the program: Alex Coogan, Tamara Molnar, Morgan Wood, Chuck Wood, Missy Ashmore, Bill Valput, Casey Coyne, Lambert Jones, Mark Glass, and Chris Figaretti. Citing price increase would be passed on to the tenants and there are already systems in place for grievances. Example: HUD inspections, magistrate court, and exterior code enforcements. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, moved to table the proposal as written indefinitely. The vote on the motion was as follows: AYES: Palmer and Ketchum NOES: Seidler. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, moved to adjourn. Time: 6:16 p.m.