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FACTSHEET

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TITLE: Registration of Neglected Buildings

BOARD/COMMITTEE: City Council

APPLICANT: Building & Safety / Stronger Safer Neighborhoods

RECOMMENDATION:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:

SPONSOR:

OPPONENTS:

REASON FOR LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE amending Title 21 of the Lincoln Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 21.09 entitled "Registration of Neglected Buildings" to establish a registration system for monitoring vacant and neglected residential buildings within the city as a means to decrease the number of such neglected buildings and to prevent them from becoming a burden to the neighborhood and community or a threat to the public health, safety and welfare.

DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

Vacant and neglected buildings are the single biggest source of urban blight in both residential and non-residential neighborhoods. Owners who fail to maintain their properties create eyesores that lead to increased crime, declining property values, and the disappearance of legal and legitimate commercial activity in the area. It is the responsibility of property owners to prevent buildings from becoming a burden to the neighborhood and community and a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare. Such buildings constitute a nuisance. The establishment and enforcement of a registration system to monitor such buildings and to develop a means to decrease the number of neglected buildings within the city is necessary to adequately protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lincoln.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: ___ Yes X No

OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: It is anticipated that there will be an initial increase in housing inspection and administrative activity due to the addition of properties to the registry that currently meet the requirements to be placed on the registry. However, as the existing properties become registered and the process becomes automated within the Accela system, activity is anticipated to revert to near normal levels.

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: \$20,000

RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS: \$20,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Building and Safety Fund

CITY: \$20,000

NON CITY: \$0

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