



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 17-00184

City Council

3/9/2017

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council Member Jewel Cannada-Wynn

**SUBJECT:**

SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP REGARDING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS LICENSING PROCESS FOR PERMITTING OF ALL RENTAL PROPERTY.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council schedule a workshop for June 2017 for the purpose of establishing an ordinance allowing for establishing a business licensing process for permitting of all rental property within the city limits. The Council also authorizes the Council staff to provide assistance in the research of this topic.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

Pensacola continues to grow and be a vibrant community. Current housing trends focus on rental opportunities. Residents currently complain of landlords not maintaining properties therefore with a growing market this could be an opportunity to look at the following: Creating a permitting process for all or some rental properties within the city limits. An opportunity to review what already exists on the topic as well as review any concerns citizens may have in their neighborhoods in reference to rental properties and renters who are having problems with their landlords. A permitting process would provide documentation of resident's rights regarding safety and health standards of a dwelling as well as document the number of rental units for the purpose of neighborhood management. Many cities have adopted permitting standards such as Philadelphia, Tacoma and Lancaster to name a few.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

None

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

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**STAFF CONTACT:**

Don Kraher, Council Executive

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) None

**PRESENTATION:** No