



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Alternative Ideas to Ensuring Minimum Housing and Energy Efficiency Standards in the County's Housing Supply

Presenter:

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Description:

A discussion of alternatives to ensuring minimum living and energy efficiency standards are met in the County's housing stock after the repeal of the Residential Rental Unit Permit Program

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to evaluate a proactive education program considering dedicated minimum housing staffing needs, and return with 2025 budget proposal

Prior Board Motions:

September 12, 2023 – Approved Ordinance to Repeal the Residential Rental Unit Permit Program

August 1, 2023 - Directed staff to think about building and maintenance codes for opportunities to work the Renters Bill of Rights Ordinance protections into them. Staff is to explore creative solutions to protect renter's rights and energy efficiency standards where possible.

Fiscal Note:

Estimated cost of new Code Officer first year is \$128,804.00. Budget for Code Officers is funded through Unincorporated General Fund (008) and would need to be included in the FY25 Budget requests.

Strategic Guide:

Housing

Background:

On September 12, 2023, the County Commission adopted Ordinance 2023-13 repealing the County's Residential Rental Unit Permit Program following newly adopted Section 83.425, Florida Statutes (CS/HB 1417) which preempted to the State the regulation of residential tenancies, the landlord-tenant relationship, and all other matters under that part of the law on residential tenancies. On August 1, 2023, the Commission suspended the Residential Rental Unit Permit Program and directed staff to think about ways to work the Renters Bill of Ordinance into the building and maintenance codes. The Commission directed staff to bring back a discussion and recommendation for an alternative to help with minimum housing and energy efficiency standards in the County's housing stock.