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Health Department Public Information Session

Want to Learn More About Proposed Changes to the City Housing Code?

Eau Claire, WI, March 3, 2017 – The Eau Claire City-County Health Department and the City of Eau Claire will be hosting a public information session about proposed changes to the City Housing Maintenance Code at the L.E Phillips Public Library on March 8, 2017 at 7:00pm.

The City Housing Maintenance Code provides legal standing to follow up on housing sanitation and safety concerns. The Health Department conducts between 800-1500 housing complaint investigations every year. Most of this code was written over 40 years ago. “Times and technology have changed. We need an updated code to address concerns voiced by Eau Claire neighborhoods and renters. Everybody deserves to live in safe, sanitary and healthy housing,” says Shane Sanderson, Environmental Health Director.



The City and Health Department would like to share the proposed code changes with the community. Proposed changes include:

- Updated code to comply with current state requirements and national best practices.
- Added Rental Registration provision which requires the submission of information.
- Added that owners of rental housing properties will pay a small annual registration fee.
- Added Residential Inspection Program based on criteria which include:
 - External housing defects identified as part of a proactive external housing survey.
 - Number of confirmed complaints received for the property in question.
 - Buildings initially built over 40 years before the current calendar year.
 - Buildings that contain rental units.
 - Any documented cases of retaliation.
- Inspection fees will be imposed at the time of inspection and re-inspection.
- Expanded language prohibiting retaliation against tenants who report violations of local or state law related to housing conditions or landlord-tenant law.

We look forward to sharing this information with the community on Wednesday March 8th, at 7:00pm, at the L.E. Phillips Public Library in the Eau Claire room.

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Join Us!



Eau Claire City Housing Code Public Information Session

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department & the City of Eau Claire will be hosting an info session about proposed changes to the City **Housing Code**.

Where & When:

- L.E Phillips Public Library
 - Eau Claire Room
- Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00pm.

Who should come?

- Landlords
- Renters
- Home owners
- Community members

