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I submitted this communication on behalf of a couple of landlords and a few homeowners in my district. I will be joined in asking these questions with Mr. Jim McLain (1605 Grange Avenue.) Below is a list of the questions, concerns, and proposed suggestions that I have compiled from these people that we wish to discuss at this meeting:

Questions

Please explain the process of issuing inspection fees.

What violations/criteria will be subject to the fee?

What was the purpose of this change (Better service? Increased revenue?)

Please explain the appeal process.

Why did this get implemented without any approval by the City Council besides a budget line item? Wouldn't a new fee need Council approval?

How is discretion being implemented?

Is the policy and implementation a written policy?

Are there any "glitches" in the new program that need to be worked out?

Possible suggestions (depending on the answers to the above questions)

Create a Board of Appeals.

Do not issue a fee on the first order.

Better communicate with the public on the new fee structure.

Create an ad-hoc committee including City officials, homeowners, landlords, to discuss the inspection fee.

Any questions, please contact me at work: 262-898-7325 and 262-498-5021 (Cell)

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