



CITY OF SANDUSKY – DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

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## OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

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December 28, 2015

**Effective January 1, 2016 the City of Sandusky Division of Code Enforcement will begin enforcing the amended Sandusky Codified Ordinance Section 1341.29 and 1341.31 of the Environmental Health and Housing Code – related to Rental Registration and Inspection.**

On December 14, 2015, Sandusky City Commissioners passed amended [Ordinance 15-181](#) as a means to support increased housing conditions within the City and to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Sandusky. The amendments call for both a revision to the rental registration and inspection fee structure but also the manner and regularity of dwelling inspections.

Rental registration and inspection fees were amended to permit for the implementation of a comprehensive rental registration and inspection program. **Under the amended Ordinance, the owner or operator of a premises with a rental unit shall have the exterior of the premises, its structures and its rental units inspected minimally every three (3) years to determine compliance with the Health, Safety and Sanitation Code, Nuisance Code, Housing Code and Zoning Code.** Interior inspections will only be conducted when there is a request for an interior inspection from a tenant whom provides legal consent to enter or when the exterior conditions are in such a state of disrepair that probable and justifiable cause exists to inspect the interior.

### **Revised Registration and Inspection Fee Structure:**

- The fee for the first rental unit an owner owns or operator operates is \$100.00
- Each additional rental unit owned or operated after the first has a fee of \$35.00
- Any dwelling owned by an owner or operated by an operator which has more than ten (10) rental units which said rental units are owned or operated by the owner or operator, will have fees capped at ten (10) units per said dwelling.
- Any dwellings owned by an owner or operated by an operator which have rental units, which said rental units are owned or operated by the owner or operator, that form a community housing development shall be capped at fifty (50) rental units per said dwelling.

It is the intent of the Sandusky City Commission, by the adoption of these sections, to hold all property owners and operators to the same standard. Fees collected under the Rental Registration and Inspection Program shall be used exclusively for funding and administering purposes for the implementation of the rental unit registration process and inspections conducted. Fees collected will provide for additional Code Enforcement Division staff.

**Owners are responsible for registration and payment of registration and inspection fees for the units they own or operate – the City will grant an extension on the due date for registration and payment for 2016 only until June 1, 2016. If the payment is not received by June 1, 2016, a \$10.00 late fee will be charged. Registrations and payments for all future years, beginning in 2017, will be due by January 1.**

Any and all questions pertaining to this press release can be directed to (419) 627-5913.