

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE HOUSING VIOLATIONS CODES FOR THE CITY OF SALEM, MISSOURI.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SALEM, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.**

Section 520.920 of the Salem City Code shall be amended as follows:

City Building Inspector — Powers and Duties.

- A. The City Building Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to make inspections pursuant to one (1) or more of the plans for inspection authorized by Section **520.910** or in response to a complaint that an alleged violation of the provisions of this Chapter or of applicable rules or regulations pursuant thereto has been committed; or when the Board of Aldermen has valid reason to believe that a violation of this Chapter or any rules and regulations pursuant thereto has been committed.
- B. The City Building Inspector is hereby authorized to enter and inspect between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. all dwellings, dwelling units and rooming houses, rooming units and dormitory rooms subject to the provisions of this Chapter for the purpose of determining whether there is compliance with its provisions.
- C. The City Building Inspector is hereby authorized to inspect the premises surrounding dwellings, dwelling units, rooming houses, rooming units and dormitory rooms subject to this Chapter for the purpose of determining whether there is compliance with its provisions.
- D. The City Building Inspector and the owner, occupant or other person in charge of a dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming unit, rooming house or dormitory room subject to this Chapter may agree to an inspection by appointment at a time other than the hours provided by this Section.
- E. The owner, occupant or other person in charge of a dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming unit, rooming house or dormitory room upon presentation by the City Building Inspector of proper identification, a copy of any relevant plan of inspection pursuant to which entry is sought, and a schedule of the specific areas and facilities to be inspected shall give the City Building Inspector entry and free access to every part of the dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming unit or dormitory room or to the premises surrounding any of these. Before making inspections within a contiguous area pursuant to a plan authorized in Section **520.910**, the City Building Inspector shall first consult with organization representative of property owners and other residents of such contiguous area, if any such organization exist.
- F. The City Building Inspector shall keep confidential all evidence not related to the purposes of this Chapter and any rules and regulations pursuant thereto which he/she may discover in the course of the inspection. Such evidence shall be considered privileged and shall not be admissible in any judicial proceeding without the consent of the owner, occupant or other person in charge of the dwelling unit or rooming unit so inspected.

G. If any owner, occupant, or other person in charge of a dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit, or a multiple dwelling or rooming house subject to the provisions of Section **520.930** refuses, impedes, inhibits, interferes with, restricts, or obstructs entry and free access to every part of the structure or premises where inspection authorized by this Chapter is sought, the City Building Inspector may seek in a court of competent jurisdiction an order that such owner, occupant or other person in charge cease and desist with such interference.

**Section 2.**

These changes become effective immediately and are subject to modification at any time by the Board of Aldermen.


All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

**Section 3.**

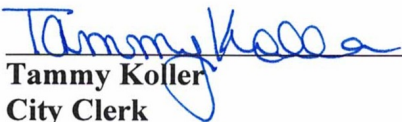
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SALEM, MISSOURI, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

APPROVED:

  
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**Greg Parker**  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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**Tammy Koller**  
City Clerk

APPROVAL AS TO FORM:

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**James Weber**  
City Attorney