

Residential Rental Unit Permit and Inspection Program

September 13, 2022
Board of County Commissioners

Proposed Timeline

October 2022 – September 2023

Issue and verify permits, educate landlords and tenants

- housing and maintenance code and energy efficiency standards

October 2023 – October 2026

Enforce permitting and housing and maintenance code

October 2026

Begin enforcement of energy efficiency standards

Rental Permitting Program Tentative Timeline

- Beginning with ordinance adoption:
 - -Set up licensing
 - Send letters outlining program
 - -Education on requirements of Code
- January 1, 2023 allow landlords to begin getting permits
- Require permit no later than September 30th, 2023

Housing and Maintenance Code

 Housing and Maintenance code will be adopted under separate ordinance to replace Standard Housing Code

 Begin systematic inspections for housing and maintenance code October 2023

 Inspections for complaints after housing and maintenance code adoption would begin immediately

Housing and Maintenance Code Checklist

- Is foundation free of cracks and supporting the structure
- Does structure have deterioration
- Are exterior walls free of holes, cracks, rotting material
- Is paint peeling, flaking or chipped
- Are exterior and interior stairs, porches, guard rails free of damage and secure
- Are windows easily opened and capable of being held in position

Housing and Maintenance Code Checklist

- Do exterior doors have working locks that secure the doors
- Do windows have screens
- Bathroom in every dwelling unit
- Is plumbing in good working order
- Hot and cold water to kitchen and bathrooms
- Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors

Housing and Maintenance Code Checklist

- A/C if provided in good working order
- Heat in good working order
- Free of insect and rodent infestation

Estimated Units and Owners

- 11,243 rental units
 - -10,189 separate properties
 - -8,574 separate owners

- Non-homestead single family lots with a unit 9,749 units
- Homestead single-family lots with more than 1 unit 699 units
- Multi-family lots with 1-4 units 1,539 units

Proposed Fee and License

Fully on-line applications in Citizenserve

- Fee: \$122.00 per unit
 - -reviewed periodically

Recommendation

 Approve the ordinance creating a Rental Permitting Program for Alachua County enforcing the Housing and Maintenance Code standards for the first three years and requiring the energy efficiency standards to be met by October 2026.