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Subject: RE: Extra personnel?

Good afternoon, Mr. Harvey:

Staff was provided a copy of your email from Sunday, below, regarding extra personnel. The Code Enforcement Division of the Planning & Development Department reduced to two (2) inspectors starting in 2011 through attrition of a Property Maintenance Inspector and the FTE was repurposed for a 4th Code Enforcement Officer. Starting in 2013, the department submitted for budget consideration to add back that third position, and its approval was made in 2014 for the 2015 Budget.

The position assessment was not solely focused on rental inspections as your email suggests, as there is a substantial need, and active requests, for external property maintenance enforcement throughout the City. To assume that rental apartment inspections is the only task is an over simplification of the service requests of the department. Also, stating the duration of an inspection is only 5-10 minutes is your statement and assumption of time, and does not account for all time staff to complete administrative documentation and follow up actions.

If you would like to discuss personnel further, I am happy to schedule a time to meet and review accordingly. As this a budget related question, this will be posted in our Budget Central page for public information. Best wishes,

Andrew

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Sent: Sun, Dec 4, 2016 11:55 am
Subject: Extra personnel?

Dear Ms. Hadden,

Over the past few years there have been two people employed as Property Maintenance Inspectors. Apparently there was a third hired last year.

The city budgets have allowed for three Property Maintenance Inspectors, at least back to 2010, but has actually employed only two. According to data and testimony presented by the city during litigation discovery, the two inspectors had more than ample time to complete inspections, perhaps 3 per day per inspector, excluding weekends, holidays and vacation. Inspections normally take 5 to 10 minutes on site per house.

My question is: why does the city need the third inspector?

Sincerely,
Bruce Harvey
(Speaking for myself)