

Code Change Fact Sheet

This fact sheet must be attached to any ordinance in Legistar that is proposing to amend Columbus City Codes. It should also be circulated among Councilmember offices prior to submitting an ordinance in Legistar.

It is also a standard practice that Council will not consider any code changes that have not been previously reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office. Drafters should ensure that the City Attorney's office has approved a final version of a proposed code change prior to circulating this fact sheet to Councilmember offices.

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Columbus City Code Title Being Amended/Created/Repealed:

Creates Chapter 4517

What is the overall purpose of this code change? *Summarize the general themes of the code change(s) and the need for these changes. Please utilize language and descriptors that would be easily understandable by the general public.*

The purpose of this change is to create a vacancy registry.

Why is this code change needed? *Examples: Correcting a drafting error; bringing code into alignment with changes to state law. For other policy changes, it may be necessary to provide a much more in-depth rationale in the section.*

This code change is needed to allow us to more accurately track the amount of vacant properties in our city. Additionally, it will assist in monitoring the available housing stock.



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What would be the impact of not adopting this code change?

We would not have an internal mechanism to monitor vacant properties in our city which could result in blight and other nefarious activity.

Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change?

These may be direct or indirect, and please also note any long-term impact.

This code will charge a registration fee as well as collect a penalty for failure to register. Additionally, this code will create an operating budget cost for the purchase of a software that will assist with running the registry.

Describe the community engagement process regarding this code change. What residents, impacted parties, and constituents may be affected? Have they been engaged, and how so? How was their feedback incorporated (or not incorporated) into this code change?

There have been stakeholder conversations with numerous community partners as well as multiple hearings where this ordinance was discussed.

Will this code change take effect with the ordinance, or is there a delayed effective date?

30-day



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