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ADDENDUM
Monday, May 6, 2019

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Lonnie J. Burklund
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2019 4:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 2018/2019 Sidewalk Snow Removal Assessments
Attachments: Sidewalk snow removal 1819.pdf

Good afternoon Councilmembers,

Please see attached memo regarding annual winter sidewalk snow removal assessments. We had good overall compliance this year despite the heavy snow amounts. Should any of the remaining billings go unpaid, we will report back on those locations.

Thank you!

Lonnie Burklund, PE, PTOE

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Memorandum



TO: City Council

FROM: Taylor Buss, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities

SUBJECT: 2018-2019 Sidewalk Snow Removal Assessments

DATE: May 1, 2019

CC: Miki Esposito, Lonnie Burklund, Bob Simmering

The Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Department (LTU) has prepared information identifying assessments for removal of snow and ice from public sidewalks during the 2018-2019 winter season. LTU received 2,188 reports of sidewalks that were not cleared during this winter season. Notices were posted at these locations and there remained only 27 instances which were assigned to a contractor to remove the snow and ice. The property owners were billed for the costs associated with clearing the sidewalks. If these billings are not paid within the standard 30-day billing cycle, a report of those properties will be provided to City Council to assess the cost thereof against the abutting real estate in accordance with Section 14.80.110 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.

As a reminder, LTU responds to reports of public sidewalks that are not clear of snow or ice. Section 14.80.110 of the Lincoln Municipal Code requires property owners to clear all snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to property by 9:00 a.m. the morning following the end of a winter weather event. Field inspection staff respond to the reported locations and provide notice at the properties.

LTU staff rely upon follow-up reports on sidewalks that are not cleared prior to a second inspection being conducted on any given property. When a follow-up report occurs, a second inspection is conducted to determine compliance with the original notification. When sidewalks have not been cleared of all snow and ice, private contractor support contracts are utilized to complete the removal work. The costs charged to the properties include the contractor costs as well as the inspection fees for City staff to enforce provisions of the Municipal Code.

George E. Damm
825 N. Cotner Blvd, Apt.229
Lincoln NE 68505

1 May 2019

Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th Street, Rm 111
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear City Council Members:

I am not in the habit of writing letters like this, but I feel there are some issues that I simply must bring up and I don't see purpose in taking time at a Council meeting to express views. Much of this, if not all of it, you will probably already be aware of.

1. The Police Department needs to be greatly increased in size, at least doubled. I know this cannot be done "overnight", but should be done over a few years. Serious crime is on the rise here, as is vandalism and other street crime against individuals. Not everything can be prevented by enlarging the force, of course. But with more police presence on the streets and in neighborhoods it may be a deterrent and criminals may be more quickly apprehended. This will also require that police pay and other incentives will need to be raised also to get and keep a quality force, and, yes, we all as citizens of Lincoln will have to get behind it and support it, vocally and with money -- yes, taxes.

2. Streets are getting worse all the time. as you well know. Perhaps money being used to create roundabouts and such like could be better used to improve streets in the middle of town. The roundabouts may be a good thing (though I don't think they are) and nice to have, but with short funds, how can we best allocate funds until such time as a little extra is available. To mention a few streets I use regularly there are Vine from 66th to 70th, R from 52nd to 56th, Randolph west of 40th. These may not even be the worst ones.

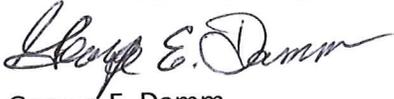
3. Am I with this next item stepping on some treasured Lincoln tradition? The use, especially by what appear to be gangs of motorcyclists, of streets in east Lincoln nearly

every night as race tracks is getting to be a problem both for other drivers and residents with the excessive noise. I realize motorcyclists have a right to drive on the streets too, but not to use them as personal race tracks, weaving back and forth in lanes, constantly "revving" engines for the sole purpose of making noise.

4. With Summer coming, we have the beginning already of fireworks being set off, which I believe is supposed to be illegal except for a few days in July. Even then, it isn't held to a few days but is actually a couple of weeks, at least, on either side of July 4, and then continues till 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning -- with impunity, since they apparently know that no one will enforce the ordinance anyway. I understand how difficult it is to do so, but now there doesn't seem to even be an attempt to enforce the rule. With that approach in regard to enforcing this ordinance, why should anyone bother to obey any of the city ordinances?

I appreciate you all have very demanding jobs, trying to balance one need against another. I do thank you, and the whole city should, for being willing to take on the responsibility of Council members. Thank you also for listening to my "issues".

Respectfully submitted,


George E. Damm

Angela M. Birkett

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe
Subject: InterLinc - Contact

City Council - Contact

Date : 5/3/2019 12:16:41 PM

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comments Public Tax Education/Promotion Match Proposal

With a resounding 15% of registered voters, our Lincoln public/private cabal passed yet another tax increase through a Primary Election. Given spending of \$190,000 of citizens' funds for promotion/advertising and marketing, or \$7.52 per yes vote, we have another hard-fought victory for lack of planning, budgeting and performance; thus creating another crisis to exploit. With similar funding and advertising/promotion would the no vote have prevailed? Yes dominated by 651 out of 49,912, or 1.3%.

Forecasted revenue from the new tax is \$78+ Million with at least \$20 million earmarked for our poor developers. We already support non-profits with our property taxes, now we're funding profiteers with sales tax in addition to TIF. Wonder which new developments will get the 20 M.? Will the developers' savings be passed on to end users/owners?

In the interest of transparency, City Council just passed a resolution requiring planned voter "education costs" be included with any increased tax ballot initiative. Will this apply to non-planned expenditures? Why did current City Administration spend \$190,000 – could it be their promotion/initiative was to cover mismanagement or just because they could, as a parting dig?

Using tax money to educate citizenry on the need for and promote more tax increases is similar to tactics employed in Orwell's 1984. For more thorough voter education on any tax increase, we the city should provide the same funding to opponents of tax increases or those with a differing perspective.

This education/promotion/advertising match-funding should also be extended for differing views of any local/state tax issue, school levies and bonds, Tax Increment Financing, and include any funds publicly funded institutions spend for lobbying and promotion on taxing/spending related issues/initiatives.

Perhaps, with fair tax increase opposition funding, we can hold Govt. Institutions more accountable. Possibly, even make transparent the long term payoffs from TIF and other initiatives purported to benefit the majority of taxpayers, not just compound funding for our needy developers and political power base.

Gary Caster
Lincoln

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Reves <reevesmary34@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2019 7:51 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Citizens Advisory Board for street repairs.

Council Members,

I would like to see Mike DeKalb as co -chair of the Citizens Advisory Board for Street Repairs.
Please consider my request.

Mary Reeves
reevesmary34@gmail.com

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robin Feusner <ellensbarjo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Academy Sports out doors

Please bring Acedemy Sports out Doors to Nebr.
They are far better then Dicks
They are cheaper the inventory is larger
They pay well
Please ask Acedemy to come to NEBR
We have shopped there many times
They beat Dicks Hands Down

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Angela M. Birkett

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City Council - Contact

Date : 5/4/2019 3:00:02 PM

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comments Hello. I am writing to you today to urge you to support Ordinance 19-52. This is an important first step in addressing the housing crisis that exists in Lincoln.

I grew up in the Near South neighborhood and lived there most of my life. Over time I have seen many houses have fallen into disrepair. We need to ensure we can maintain this housing stock in Lincoln, and Ordinance 19-52 is one step towards that goal. Please support the ordinance on May 13.

Sincerely,

Jordan Milliken

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Date : 5/5/2019 2:44:28 PM

name Eric Savaiano
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comments Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to urge you to support city ordinance 19-52 (legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/349072/19-52_Ordinance.pdf) that relates to rental properties. Low income Lincolniters need the greater oversight established with this ordinance given the state of Lincoln's rental housing and the power landlords, who I'm sure you're hearing from, have over their tenants.

Please vote yes on this city ordinance. It will be a good start toward addressing the adequacy and quality of rental housing in Lincoln.

Thank you,
Eric Savaiano

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City Council - Contact

Date : 5/6/2019 9:27:24 AM

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comments Dear City Council members,

I would like to ask you to please vote in support of Ordinance 19-52. This ordinance will it will better ensure the city knows what rental housing stock exists and what might be most effective to address housing shortages. It will also help address problem properties through interior inspections.

Thank you!

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Renters Together <renterstogetherlnk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 11:45 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Bennie R. Shobe; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Roy A. Christensen
Subject: Support for Ordinance 19-52 -- 05-06-19 Hearing
Attachments: ORD 19-52 Support Testimony.pdf

Dear Members of the City Council,

Attached is testimony in support for Ordinance 19-52 from Renters Together, a grassroots group of Lincoln residents organizing for quality and affordable housing and renters' rights. We wish to include this as written testimony for today's hearing, May 6th, 2019.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Renters Together



Renters Together LNK

Thursday, May 2nd, 2019

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

Renters Together, a grassroots group of Lincoln residents organizing for quality and affordable housing and renters' rights, would like to support the proposed changes to ordinance 19-52.

We believe that this ordinance is a step forward and will help protect renters in Lincoln from unjust living conditions via code violations. While this ordinance does not solve the problem of preventing or addressing retaliation towards renters, it will put in place a process to equally evaluate landlords across the city.

The proposed changes will not place undue burden on landlords that maintain their properties - the changes would only apply to landlords with repeat violations across multiple properties. Responsible landlords whose properties do not receive violations will not experience changes in inspections under this bill.

When repeat code violations are happening across multiple units owned by the same landlord, Building and Safety should not have to wait until complaints hit a threshold in a single building to begin internal inspections. Multiple units with violations, owned by the same landlord, suggest a pattern that needs to be resolved. Such inspections (which would occur only among buildings with violations) protect the tenants and the city from dangerous and unhealthy residences that are perpetuated by a small number of landlords who have a disproportionate potential to create widespread health and safety problems across the city if they act negligently in the upkeep of their properties. This component of the bill is essential for ensuring healthy living conditions in properties throughout the city.

However, while we support the changes to the ordinance, our organization finds that the complaint based timeline proposed in the ordinance is too short to be effective in the current rental climate in Lincoln. Specifically, we are concerned that the period of time during which violations accumulate before inspections are triggered is too short, relative to the number of violations for each building size. Renters are still undereducated in regards to making complaints to the city and fear retaliation from landlords. Extending the time frame in the ordinance from twelve months to twenty-four would help more consistently identify rentals of subpar quality without penalizing landlords who are keeping up their properties. The fact that the time frame for violation accumulation in the proposed bill is so short underscores that the bill is very moderate in its scope and that responsible landlords will not be negatively affected by the changes.

As a group, we support ordinances that make steps towards improved health and safety of rental residences. Therefore, we recommend these modest changes in the proposal as important steps in moving Lincoln towards the accepted standards and protections that are expected in healthy and modern cities across the country. These changes are necessary and quite conservative in scope. In fact, we would prefer stronger changes and firmly disagree with claims that these changes go too far.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Renters Together

Angela M. Birkett

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City Council - Contact

Date : 5/6/2019 11:47:18 AM

name Liz Potter
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comments Good Morning City Councilors!

My name is Liz Potter and I live at 2134 Park Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68502. I am writing to you all to vote to support housing safety with Ordinance 19-52. Your vote on this issue will be greatly appreciated by Lincoln voters affected by this problem. As a recent graduate from University of Lincoln, I toured over 30 homes in the past 3 years trying to find adequate housing. Many houses I toured were unsafe, not up to code, or too expensive. My current living situation I was able to get because I had a personal connection with the landlord. There are many in Lincoln that don't have the same luck or luxury when looking for adequate housing, which is what causes them, I believe, to be taken advantage of by landlords. Help protect a community of residents in Lincoln have a more vibrant place to live!

I appreciate all of your work and time on this,
Liz Potter

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Date : 5/6/2019 12:10:54 PM

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comments Dear Council Members,

I am contacting you to express support for Ordinance 19-52, which is on the agenda for this afternoon's city council meeting. I am a landlord of a duplex in the Near South, and a \$15 registration fee is very reasonable in order to improve the inspection process. In fact, I am a relatively new landlord and my husband and I were surprised at the lack of oversight or requirements for landlords with less than four units.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you for your attention to the issue of affordable and safe housing for Lincoln residents.

Sincerely,

Courtney Lyons Breitkreutz

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