



## **Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022**

### **BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:**

The Building and Standards Commission (BSC) was established to hear cases concerning alleged violations of the City's housing and dangerous building regulations.

The Building and Standards Commission shall have the powers and duties and comply with the procedures established by the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 54, Subchapter C (*Quasi-Judicial Enforcement of Health and Safety Ordinances*), and Chapter 25-12, Article 9 (*Property Maintenance Code*) of the *Austin City Code*.

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

*(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.)*

- The Commission met on **10** occasions to hear cases involving substandard and unsafe or dangerous properties and appeals.
- The Commission heard a total of **91** new cases.
- The Commission heard a total of **11** returning cases.
- Of the new cases heard by the Commission, **62** or **68.1%** were registered with the Repeat Offender Program.
- Written updates were provided to Staff as required in **6** BSC orders. Briefings were provided to the Commission from City Staff on a variety of topics such as permit processing, the Repeat Offender Program and one property-specific update.

- The Commission met as a body on **10** out of **11** monthly meeting dates during this period. One of the regular meetings did not meet due to lack of quorum (so no cases were heard in JULY). The Commission also met for **one** special called meeting to hold its annual retreat in February.
- 2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.**
- The Commission issued **81** repair orders.
  - The Commission issued **9** demolition orders.
  - The Commission issued **4** orders to secure or reinforce a structure and continue the case until a later date.
  - The Commission heard **4** appeals regarding operating licenses, all of which were denied.
  - The Commission considered **1** order for relief of the civil penalty. The Commission reduced the civil penalty in **1** order.
- 3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**
- Staff will track the number of cases heard within the reporting period that were resolved successfully
  - Staff will prioritize Repeat Offender (ROP) cases, dangerous cases, and old cases, and will include such cases on the regular BSC agendas.
  - Staff will provide regular updates regarding Repeat Offender cases.
  - Staff and Commission will collaborate on informational materials to be provided to the public to help better understand the BSC process.

EDGAR FARRER

VICE CHAIR (PRESIDING OFFICER)

BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION

JULY 27, 2022.