

Other Concerns and Comments

It's easy to see who isn't providing a high standard on their property

There is a difference between choosing to live poorly and being put in the situation

There have been half a dozen fires in the last year where tenants had to jump because a stairway was not available

I think this is a great idea

This would really improve all of Lakewood

There are some unbelievable living conditions in rentals - Most are due to tenant living standards and landlord absence

This is a business retention issue - workforce is the number one asset and they need safe and healthy places to live (quality of life)

Lakewood has code enforcement officers that have this responsibility already

Poor quality of tenants – don't rent to bad tenants

We don't need to add more laws. Use what we have. Work a way to solve the actual issues. Have code enforcement do it. They do a good job. Hire a few more officers and the problem will be solved.

Sometimes I hear on the radio there is not a lot that can be done. Landlord has a lot of face time with tenants and that helps solve the problems. Absentee landlords are a problem. Know your tenants. Just talk to your tenants. If you are willing to learn and put in a little time, that helps. It's up to the landlords ultimately – they are in control.

Interested in the middle market housing increasing. Need middle and upper middle class housing. JBLM, senior enlisted, doctors, etc. need to be housed and housed close to the base. Not just low and high end housing. Perception is changing. Lakewood has done a good job with historic homes. You are big kids now. City will be required to take in more folks.

In favor of a few more code enforcement officers.