

Gardner City Hall
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Dear Madam President and Councilors,

The 9th Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR 310.4, (Effective 10/20/2017) requires that the Building Department periodically inspects multifamily properties in the City on a five (5) year basis. However, while required by law, due to time constraints and staffing levels, our building department has been unable to get to these inspections due to other required inspections needing to be performed, since the early 2000s.

However, these inspections were further codified into the City Code in Table 110 of Section 390-3 and unanimously re-approved by the City Council on March 21, 2022 when Section 390-1 was amended.

As you may remember, in the FY2023 budget, additional funding was appropriated to hire an additional building inspector for the Department to make sure these inspections took place. Mr. Tony Whitman was hired to this position in late November of 2022 and will be performing these inspections this upcoming spring.

Notices explaining what these inspections are and what inspectors will be looking for have gone out to all multifamily property owners in the City, in order to give them a heads up on how to apply for these inspections via the City's ViewPoint Online Permitting System. The attached presentation was also included in that mailing and will be uploaded to the City's website as well for the public to view.

I am writing today to make sure that you are aware of this, incase any of our constituents have any questions, as this impacts over 500 properties in the City.

Respectfully,

Mike Nicholson