



January 14, 2021

JANUARY ARM MEETING IS CANCELLED

Rental Assistance Due To COVID-19

The COVID Relief bill signed at the end of December provides additional rental assistance to those who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, there isn't a clear criteria as to how tenants or property owners and managers could apply for the assistance. There will be more information to come in the next few weeks.

The City will update their website to provide additional information as it is released. Information can be found at: www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org.

Rental Inspections

The City suspended rental inspections in the middle of November due to the surge in COVID-19 cases, however, due the decrease in the number of cases, rental inspections will resume on **February 1**.

Staff is currently sending out notices for inspections and due to the backlog, inspections may be scheduled for several weeks out.

As a reminder, inspections will **not** be conducted if someone in the household is, or has been sick. Staff is asking that owners inform their tenants to have on personal protective equipment (PPE) or socially distance throughout the inspection. City staff will have on proper PPE throughout the inspection and take all necessary precautions.

For questions or concerns regarding a scheduled inspection, contact Community Development at 763-569-3330.

Association for Responsible Management

ARM NEWSLETTER

IMS - New Software

Community Development is continuing to work on rolling out a new software program for code enforcement, rental inspections, and permitting. Due to some delays, the new software will be rolled out in February 2021.

Once it is live, owners and managers are encouraged to register for an account which will allow greater interaction with staff and following of the rental license process.

Stay tuned for more information on this this new and exciting software. For questions contact Xiong Thao at 763-569-3433.

Minimum Heat Requirement

Landlords shall provide heat to units starting September 1st to May 31st per City Code, IPMC 602.3. Owners and Managers **must** provide a main heating source that is capable of providing temperatures of at least 68 degrees.

Requiring tenants to use the range, oven, space heaters, and other temporary heating devices/ sources is not an acceptable practice to achieve the minimum 68 degrees. The use of these devices can be dangerous causing skin burns and fires.

Contact the Community Development Department at 763-569-3330 for more information.



ARM Meetings

Due to the ongoing health pandemic, ARM Meetings continue to be cancelled.

If there are topics that the city should cover or bring in experts to discuss, please contact Xiong Thao at: xthao@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us or by phone at 763-569-3433.