

**Priority Area:**

Address Declining Neighborhoods

**Goal/Objective:**

Improve appearance of neighborhoods through maintenance of properties.

**Strategy 3- Review City Codes to identify corrections that would aid in code compliance:****Action Steps:**

- a. Form workgroup of city staff to review building, housing, health and fire codes for improvements that can be recommended to improve code compliance in neighborhoods to reflect changing trends and to address unique needs. Examples include the growing Airbnb market, and review of issues with deficient lodging establishments located in the city. Some of these reviews are already occurring (see Action Plans for review of Zoning Code, Non-Residential Property Maintenance Code, etc.).
- b. Review codes and research other codes.
- c. Discuss changes being considered with applicable stakeholders.
- d. Present suggested changes to city council.

**Resources Required:**

1. Staff time to conduct research/review of existing codes.

**Total Plan Cost:**

Total Additional FTE: Existing staff time.

One-Time Costs: \$0.00

Staffing Annual Costs: \$0.00

Program Annual Costs: \$0.00

**Desired Benefit/Outcome:**

- Eliminate possible code contradictions.
- Align adopted codes with neighborhood improvement vision.
- Update codes to improve efficiency, health and safety.

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*“Joplin build and rental codes, tenant rights need to be addressed. There are too many slumlords permitted to profit from unsuitable and unsafe homes, often rented or leased at unreasonable cost, often to desperate families and single people.” – Listening Tour Respondent*