

## Issue of the Week: Rental Housing Registration and Inspections

April 7, 2023

### What is the issue?

A program charged with rental housing registration and inspections was authorized on first reading by the Fort Collins City Council at its April 4, 2023 meeting. The program would be established upon second reading approval scheduled for April 18.

### Why is it important?

Though it hasn't been titled the Department of Home Inspections & Other Services, if adopted the rental housing registration program will create 7 new City FTEs and implement mandatory residential housing inspections to begin January 1, 2025. Initial funding for 2023/24 is set at \$1.1M. The total number of inspectors and associated costs per the ordinance is "To Be Determined".

### How does it affect business?

Housing availability is a core constraint upon our local economy. Government overreach can be equally constraining. Bureaucratic intrusion upon all housing providers, coupled with rent increases to support a new program that lacks a defined scope, scale and outcome, is not a favorable policy for business.

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