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To: Gahanna City Council  
Raymond Mularski, City Attorney  
Clerk of Council

From: Michael Blackford, Director of Planning  
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

Date: March 17, 2022

Re: Dept. of Planning Report to Council (March 28, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting)

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### ACTION ITEM(S)

#### ACTION ITEM #1 – CODE CHANGES: CHAPTER 780 RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION:

The Administration is in the process of implementing the updated rental registration and inspection program (Chapter 780 of Gahanna Code) that was adopted by Council in 2020. As often is the case with new code language during the implementation phase, code amendments are necessary. The main purpose of the amendments is to create an exemption for properties that are occupied by a family member(s) of the owner and is *not* for rent. “Rent” is defined as “the payment of money or services.” Even with the proposed code changes, a property is subject to the rental program if it is occupied by a family member of the owner and monies or services are exchanged.

Ancillary changes related to the above also are proposed for the definition section of the Code, additional changes are proposed to clarify that the program is biennial (once every two years) rather than biannually (twice a year).

Because program implementation is in process, a **Waiver** and **Emergency** are requested. It is of paramount importance that the code changes are effective as soon as possible to ensure that the correct properties are registered and inspected, and that residents who may be exempt from the rental registration program under this revised definition are not negatively impacted.

#### Requested Legislation and Funding

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: **Emergency and Waiver**

Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles): N/A

Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Account Names/Titles): N/A

Attachment: Redline and Clean Version of Code Change