



# CITY OF FORT DODGE

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **RE: UPDATED RENTAL INSPECTION FEES**

The City of Fort Dodge has approved a resolution to update the fee structure for the Rental Inspection Division, effective March 1, 2025. This update reflects a collaborative effort between the City and the Fort Dodge Area Landlord Association (FDALA) to establish fair and sustainable fees that align with service and equipment costs.

The new fee structure is the result of nearly a year of collaboration between City staff, the FDALA Board, and members of the landlord community. It underscores the City's commitment to supporting property owners, property managers, renters, and inspectors while maintaining high standards for rental properties.

The updated fees are as follows:

#### **Initial Inspections**

- 1st Unit: \$122.50
- 2nd – 4th Unit: \$50.00 each
- 5th Unit & Up: \$38.00 each

#### **Re-Inspections**

- 1st Unit: \$93.00
- 2nd – 4th Unit: \$38.00 each
- 5th Unit & Up: \$32.50 each

#### **Other Fees**

- Failure to Register: \$300
- Suspension/Reinstatement: \$250
- Additional Appointment: \$150 each

“These updates were developed with significant input from the Fort Dodge Area Landlord Association to ensure they are fair and transparent,” said Assistant City Manager Ryan Maehl. “This change reflects our shared commitment to improving the rental process for everyone involved, from property owners to tenants.”

The resolution also emphasizes the importance of recovering costs associated with inspection services and sustaining a rental inspection program that collaborates closely with the landlord community.

The new fees will take effect on **March 1, 2025**, and the Inspection Division, Building Official, and Assistant City Manager will oversee implementation and communication with stakeholders.

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