

Memorandum



DATE August 21, 2009

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life Committee: Pauline Medrano (Chair), Vonciel Jones Hill (Vice Chair), Carolyn R. Davis, Angela Hunt, Sheffie Kadane, David A. Neumann, Steve Salazar

SUBJECT Barclay Square Apartments Informational Memo

On June 18, 2009, Code Compliance began receiving complaints from tenants about the lack of air conditioning at the Barclay Square Apartments. Staff members from Code Compliance responded and began working with apartment management to bring the property into compliance. The apartment management provided 18 window A/C units to tenants. Code continued to monitor the apartments and informed management of any additional apartments that did not have working A/C units.

During the inspection period, an attorney for the tenants of the Barclay Apartments filed a lawsuit in the 191st District Court in Dallas County seeking a temporary restraining order (TRO) compelling the property owner to repair the air conditioning in all units. The judge ultimately denied the tenants' request for a TRO. Generally only the City or local government can seek relief for alleged Code violations.

Recently, I met with a group of tenants of the Barclay Apartments who had new complaints of Code violations. I informed them that Code will continue to investigate any new complaints they have at the apartments.

Rosalind Jeffers, Executive Assistant City Attorney and Joey Zapata, Interim Director of Code Compliance will be available at the committee meeting to answer any questions related to the Barclay Square Apartments.



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