

**FACT SHEET**

**CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

<p><b><u>TITLE</u></b>          An ordinance to amend Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the Rental Dwelling Unit Registration Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.</p>	<p><b><u>DATE</u></b>          November 9, 2021</p>	<p><b><u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u></b>          Shreveport   Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission (“MPC”)  <b><u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u></b>          City-wide  <b><u>SPONSOR</u></b></p>
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**PURPOSE**  
 To amend the Code of Ordinances relative to the Rental Dwelling Unit Registration Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**  
 The Shreveport Unified Development Code (UDC) was implemented in May of 2017 and, as such, it was as acknowledged that upon adoption that additional corrections and policy amendments to these regulations would be forthcoming to ensure that the Code promotes sound, stable, and desirable development.  
 The goal of these proposed amendments is to establish a Rental Dwelling Unit Registration Program—of which the primary aim of such a program is to help identify problem properties and absentee landlords/property owners. The program will be used to assist code enforcement efforts (i.e., Zoning Enforcement, the Zoning Administrator, Zoning Inspectors, etc.) to improve the quality of life for tenants and neighbors of rental dwellings within the City of Shreveport.  
 The proposed language for Chapter 38 identifies that (a) City Council hereby finds and declares that the rental of dwelling units constitutes a business which impacts upon the public health, safety and general welfare of the people of the City of Shreveport; (b) the registration, maintenance and inspection of rental dwelling units shall be in accordance with the Shreveport Unified Development Code; and (c) the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Rental Dwelling Unit Registration Program.

<p><b><u>TIMETABLE</u></b>          Introduction: November 9, 2021          Final Passage: December 14, 2021</p>	<p><b><u>ATTACHMENTS</u></b>          NA</p>
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**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

<p><b><u>FINANCES</u></b>          \$0</p>	<p><b><u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></b>          NA</p>
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**ALTERNATIVES**  
 (1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION**  
 It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 OF THE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE RENTAL  
DWELLING UNIT REGISTRATION PROGRAM, AND TO  
OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Shreveport, is hereby amended as follows:

Insert a new Article VI as follows:

**Chapter 38 – HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS**

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**ARTICLE VI. – RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION**

**Sec. 38-120. – Purpose, intent and authority.**

- (a) The City Council of the City of Shreveport hereby finds and declares that the rental of dwelling units constitutes a business which impacts upon the public health, safety and general welfare of the people of the City of Shreveport.
- (b) The registration, maintenance and inspection of rental dwelling units shall be in accordance with Article 24. RENTAL DWELLING UNIT REGISTRATION PROGRAM of the Shreveport Unified Development Code.
- (c) The Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission of Caddo Parish shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Rental Dwelling Unit Registration Program.

**Secs. 38-121. – 38-149.** Reserved

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of [Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23](#).

**THUS DONE AND ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office