

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

TITLE

An Ordinance Amending Section 38-11 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to General Requirements for Buildings and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

3/10/2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

City Attorney

COUNCIL DISTRICT

City-Wide

SPONSOR

PURPOSE

This ordinance change adds and clarifies minimum public health and public safety requirements for occupancy of any structure. Section B is new, requiring an enclosed structure, a securable door, and water and sewer service as habitability requirements. Section C is new, specifically applying the penalties enumerated in Section 38-115 to violations of occupying an uninhabitable structure as defined in Section B.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Current Section 38-11 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances prohibits the occupation of any structure within the corporate limits of the city which does not comply with the minimum requirements of the Property Standards Code – but does not specify which minimum requirements apply to occupiers. This change provides brightlines for enforcement.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: 03/11/2025
Final Passage: 03/25/2025

ATTACHMENTS

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

N/A

FINANCES

\$ N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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