

**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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