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COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS AND MAYOR PRO TEM CASTEX-TATUM INVITE PUBLIC INPUT ON APARTMENT INSPECTION ORDINANCE

HOUSTON, TX – Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas, District F and Chair of the Housing and Affordability Committee, is partnering with Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum, District K and Chair of the Economic Development Committee, to host two community meetings on the proposed Apartment Inspection Ordinance for tenants, landlords, property managers and stakeholders. Both meetings will be streamed on [HTV](#) if unable to attend in person, and meetings will be translated in Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu, Vietnamese.

February 19, 2026, | 6:00–8:00 PM
Alief Neighborhood Center
11903 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77072
Districts A, F, G, J, and K

March 5, 2026, | 6:00–8:00 PM
Harris County Department of Education
6300 Irvington Blvd, Houston TX 77022
Districts C, B, H, I, D, and E

The Apartment Inspection Ordinance has faced repeated delays—postponed in November and December due to concerns about enforceability, insufficient public input, and resistance from industry stakeholders. These delays have left thousands of Houstonians vulnerable to unsafe and unhealthy living conditions. In 2025, Houston had the highest occupancy rate of Texas cities at 89% while experiencing the shallowest drop in rents at 0.8% according to latest data from the Greater Houston Partnership.

Passing this ordinance is critical not only to improve housing standards but also to establish accountability everyone can trust. The ordinance will ensure proactive interventions, stronger enforcement, and improved housing standards that protect tenants' health and preserve the integrity of Houston's housing stock.

"We are committed to getting this right for Houstonians by listening to their concerns," said Council Member Thomas. "Meaningful community engagement is essential to shaping an ordinance that truly reflects the needs of our residents."

"I've always supported this initiative, and I'm encouraged by the chance to strengthen it through the public feedback it deserves," said Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member, District K, Martha Castex-Tatum. "Listening to our community ensures this ordinance reflects not just good intentions, but the voices of those it impacts most."

For real-time updates, follow Council Member Thomas on social media at [@tiffanydeshellthomas](#) on Instagram and [@ThomasDTiffany](#) on Facebook and [X](#).

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Tiffany D. Thomas is the Houston City Council Member for District F, of which she is a longtime resident, representing Alief, Westchase, Tanglewilde, Briar Meadow, Westmont, and the historic Piney Point. She is the first Black woman and member under 40 to serve in this role. As Chair of Housing and Affordability for the City of Houston, she oversees priorities related to Housing, Homelessness and Disaster Recovery.

Martha Castex-Tatum is Houston's Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Member for District K. She chairs the Economic Development Committee, overseeing policies and incentives that drive tourism, growth, workforce development, and job creation, while ensuring equitable opportunities for all Houstonians. In addition, she serves on the Budget and Fiscal Affairs, Ethics and Governance, Labor, and Proposition A committees, where she continues her commitment to fostering sustainable economic expansion and improving quality of life across the city.

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For media inquiries or to schedule an interview with Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum, please contact Kimberly Davis at kim.davis@houstontx.gov

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