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COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS CHAMPIONS HISTORIC PASSAGE OF APARTMENT INSPECTION ORDINANCE

HOUSTON, TX – Following months of community advocacy and rigorous public input, Houston City Council has officially passed the Apartment Inspection Ordinance.

Led by Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas (District F), Chair of the Housing and Affordability Committee and Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum (District K), Chair of the Economic Development Committee, the ordinance marks a historic shift toward proactive enforcement and housing accountability in Houston.

The newly approved measure addresses long-standing safety concerns by establishing a mandatory, proactive inspection framework. This replaces the previous complaint-based system, ensuring that thousands of Houstonians are no longer forced to live in substandard conditions while waiting for sluggish enforcement.

“Today, we secured a monumental win for every Houstonian who calls an apartment home. By passing this ordinance, we aren't just reacting to bad conditions—we are setting a new standard for accountability that puts people first. This is a historic shift from a wait and see approach to a proactive protection' model. We heard the community, we did the work, and now we have a tool that ensures a resident's zip code no longer determines the quality or safety of their living conditions. This is a victory for transparency, for health, and reinforces our commitment to safe, affordable, quality housing.”

Photos and b-roll footage are available upon request.

For real-time updates on the event, follow Council Member Thomas on social media at [@tiffanydeshellthomas](https://www.instagram.com/tiffanydeshellthomas) on Instagram and [@ThomasDTiffany](https://www.facebook.com/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. As Chair of Housing and Affordability for the City of Houston, she oversees priorities related to Housing, Homelessness and Disaster Recovery.

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