

TITLE 20 BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

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CHAPTER 20.05. HOUSING MAINTENANCE CODE

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1. **Building and Housing Code Board.** The role of the board shall be:
 - a. To advise the council in all matters relevant to the safe and appropriate construction, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical installation, repair and maintenance of all buildings and dwellings on all premises throughout the community which are within the city's lawful jurisdiction;
 - b. To review the existing city building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and housing codes periodically and recommend improvements that are, in their best judgment, appropriate to ensure the general public safety;
 - c. To review the facts regarding any valid complaint filed by a citizen regarding any alleged professional misconduct of any homebuilder, remodel and repair contractor, or general contractor and, if evidence is presented which substantiates the allegations, to subject the contractor to disciplinary action commensurate with the misconduct. Such action is intended to range from a formal letter of censure to recommendation of legal prosecution.
 - d. To hear any citizen who is aggrieved by any rule of the codes, any action or interpretation made by the manager of inspection services. The board, consistent with the provisions of this ordinance and the duly adopted building and housing codes, may uphold, modify or negate any such action or interpretation.
 - e. To perform any other assigned responsibility as set forth in this code.
2. **Composition of the Building and Housing Code Board.** The board consists of nine persons who hold no office or employment for the City of Sioux City and meet the criteria defined below. The board shall be appointed by the city council from a list of applicants maintained by the city clerk.
 - a. One member shall be a licensed architect, registered in the State of Iowa;
 - b. One member shall be a licensed structural engineer, registered in the State of Iowa;
 - c. One member shall be a landlord of more than one rental dwelling in the city;
 - d. One member shall be a homebuilder engaged primarily in the business of new home construction; and
 - e. One member shall be a commercial general contractor.
 - f. One member shall be a licensed electrical journeyman, master electrician, or electrical contractor.

- g. One member shall be a citizen-at-large having no financial interest in the housing or building construction industries.
- h. One member shall be a licensed plumbing, journeyman, master plumber, or plumbing contractor.
- i. One member shall be a licensed master HVAC technician or mechanical contractor.

Five members of the board will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The manager of the inspection services division shall designate a person, other than an inspector, to serve as an ex officio member of the board having no vote. The ex officio member shall serve as secretary to the board and shall keep minutes and records of all proceedings of the board, a copy of which shall be on file in the inspection services division within ten days after the meeting. The members shall serve without compensation. The city council shall provide suitable space in which the board may hold its meetings. The building and housing code board shall annually elect one of its members as chair and one as vice chair to act in the absence of the chair of the board. The chair or vice chair shall preside at all meetings of the board.

3. **Removal.** Any appointed member may be removed from office by a majority vote of the city council.

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