This project is an improvement from the current housing situation but the city definitely needs to hire more inspectors to do the work. In fact, the whole project needs more resources allocated to it for it to be successful. Without enough inspectors, who is going to police all this? I think it's the tenants at the end of the day. You can recommend this and that, but the owner will always have an excuse not to do work and we already know we can't rely on them.

It is also important to accelerate the process if possible. 5 years is too long.

I find this whole project to be on the soft side. The city is recommending but not compelling landlords to resolve issues. The project needs to be improved to protect tenants and use their knowledge of the issues. Everything rests on them and they only really have the rental board to respond to the problems.

Who's really gonna enforce the justice of the issues? The city's current proposal leaves this question vague, and the inspectors will only do random evaluations occassionally.

If the City were being serious about managing the situation they could prevent landlords from renting their apartments if they were in terrible condition. After this project is put in place the City should evaluate the success of it by seeing if maintenance and hygiene cases opened at the rental board have decreased.

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