

HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM DIRECTOR INTERPRETATION: BMC § 16.03.025(d)

The Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC) § 16.01.030 lists the purposes for which Title 16 was adopted. These purposes are:

- (1) to ensure public health, safety, and welfare;
- (2) to protect the stability of the city;
- (3) to assist in the elimination of blight and to promote maintenance of property; and
- (4) to regulate and license the commercial businesses of letting rental properties to ensure the stability of approximately sixty percent of the city's housing stock.

HAND is tasked with the enforcement of these purposes in BMC § 16.01.070(a). In the interest of public health, safety and general welfare, the director of HAND has the authority given in BMC § 16.01.080(b) to "adopt and promulgate rules and procedures; to interpret and implement the provisions of [Title 16]; and to secure the intent thereof."

The HAND Director has determined, in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare, the following:

The term "complaint" as stated in BMC § 16.03.025(d) shall be interpreted to be equivalent to the definition of "complaint inspection" contained in BMC § 16.02.020, which states in relevant part: "...a written request that indicates there is a violation of title 16 at the stated residential rental unit submitted by any resident of the city, any governmental agency or employee, [etc.]."

The above mentioned interpretation shall be effective immediately.

If there are any questions regarding the above interpretation, please contact the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development at hand@bloomington.in.gov or (812) 349-3420.

Sincerely,

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Director, Housing and Neighborhood Development

