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### **City of Crystal Considers Eliminating Point of Sale Inspection Requirement**

The City of Crystal may eliminate its requirement for an inspection prior to the sale of a single family home or duplex, this is commonly called the "point of sale" inspection program. If approved, this change would be part of a Crystal City Council initiative to streamline code requirements and make it easier and less costly to sell or buy homes in Crystal.

The Crystal City Council approved a first reading of the point of sale repeal ordinance on July 14. The Council will consider a second reading and adoption of the ordinance on Aug. 18. If approved, the change would take effect on Sept. 26. Closings that occur before Sept. 26 would still require a point of sale inspection and either a code compliance certificate or a buyer's agreement to assume the correction orders. Beginning on Sept. 26, closings may occur without a point of sale inspection, certificate or buyer's agreement. However, any correction orders written from inspections before Sept. 26 would still be enforced.

While the City of Crystal would be eliminating the point of sale inspection requirement, its high standards for property maintenance and upkeep would remain. The rest of the property maintenance code (Section 425) would not be affected. The City would continue to require rental licenses and inspections. The City would also continue to investigate property maintenance violations and take enforcement action as necessary.

### **About Crystal**

The City of Crystal is a fully-developed, first tier suburban community just west of Minneapolis in Hennepin County. The City became a Charter City in 1960 and has a population of 22,151 residents. Crystal enjoys an extensive park system, healthy residential neighborhoods and commercial areas that provide for the needs of a diverse population.