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Is Your Rental Property Licensed?

Non-licensed rental property owners have until Aug. 1, 2015 to avoid municipal infraction

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque’s Department of Housing and Community Development is offering rental property owners who are currently renting property without a rental license the opportunity to register their property without paying a municipal infraction. The deadline to take advantage of this opportunity is Aug. 1, 2015.

According to the Dubuque Code of Ordinances, a “rental unit” or “rental property” is any dwelling unit intended for human habitation and requires a payment, in money or services, to the owner of the unit. All Dubuque rental property owners are required to have a current, unrevoked residential rental license, which requires the rental property to be inspected to ensure the unit meets the City’s safety code. The intent of the City’s rental license ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the general public; to assure preservation of the existing housing supply; and maintain property values.

The City of Dubuque is requesting all non-licensed rental properties to be licensed before Aug. 1, 2015. Properties that are currently not licensed are subject to double licensing fees. Beginning Aug. 1, 2015, non-licensed properties will be subject to double license fees and a \$750 municipal infraction. Non-licensed rental property owners interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to avoid the municipal infraction should call 563-589-4231 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/rentalproperty for additional details.

Renters/tenants who would like to know if their landlord is licensed should call 563-589-4231 or email ternster@cityofdubuque.org.

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