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City of Northfield and the Viking Terrace manufactured home community

Northfield, MN (July 15, 2022) —

The City of Northfield is committed to healthy, safe and affordable housing for all our community members. The City is aware of the anxiety and concern of Viking Terrace manufactured home community residents related to new rules, regulations and fees following acquisition of the property by Lakeshore Management, LLC earlier this year. The City is working with community partners, including the newly formed Viking Terrace Resident Association, to ensure that the rights of homeowners are honored to the fullest extent of the law.

City staff is working directly with the Community Action Center, Healthy Community Initiative, Housing Justice Center, Neighbors United, and the Viking Terrace Resident Association to address ongoing concerns related to change in management and new regulations and enforcement at Viking Terrace.

“People in this community really care about what is happening and I am encouraged by the outpouring of support from many of our residents and local organizations who have offered their assistance in finding a solution,” said Northfield Mayor Rhonda Pownell.

Due to the nature of concerns surrounding the management of Viking Terrace, the City has also been in communication with the State Attorney General’s office, Minnesota Department of Human Rights and Minnesota Department of Health. City staff and partners believe that the issues can be easily resolved and that the relationship between Viking Terrace homeowners and management can and should be an amicable one and are committed to working to that end.

Unrelated to concerns associated with Viking Terrace, City staff have been studying additional ordinance amendments for the City Council to consider to address housing stability, quality, safety and affordability in Northfield. As the City continues to actively work on a remedy for some of these ongoing issues, citywide, there is optimism about finding an equitable and sustainable solution for all parties involved.

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