



# CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

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April 21, 2020

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Ordinance amending Title 17, entitled "Building and Housing," Chapter 5, entitled Housing Code," to delay the requirement for radon testing and mitigation in single-family and duplex rental units until July 1, 2021. (First Consideration)

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Fiscal Impact: No impact.  
Recommendations: Staff: Approval  
Commission: N/A  
Attachments: Ordinance

## **Executive Summary:**

To reduce exposure and limit the spread of COVID19, staff recommends delaying the effective date of the radon testing and mitigation requirements until July 1, 2021.

## **Background / Analysis:**

The radon requirements would result in at least two extra visits to a single family or duplex property by people not typically associated with the property. If radon mitigation was required it could result in visits by multiple contractors to bid the work and additional visits by radon mitigation installers for the actual installation. While staff strongly believes that radon testing and mitigation is important, requiring the radon testing and mitigation work to be done at this particular time is not advisable.

Staff encourages property owners to use this time to schedule radon inspections, and mitigation, if necessary, when units may be vacant. Testing completed throughout this year will be accepted to document compliance with the radon requirements that will go in effect on July 1, 2021.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Description  
Ordinance