



City of Denison

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City of Denison Addressing Concerns at Apex Owned Apartment Buildings

Denison, Texas (January 23rd, 2023) – The City of Denison will be taking steps this week, to address safety and sanitation concerns at both the East Coast Apartments (2824 W. Crawford St.) and Circle Apartments (1527 S. Austin Ave.).

After multiple inspections, city staff determined the conditions of the structures make them unsafe for occupancy. Some of those conditions include:

- Extensive fire damage
- Hazardous electrical wiring
- Pest and vermin issues
- Fire Health and Safety code violations
- Open sewer
- Black growth on walls
- Broken windows
- Water Leaks and damaged plumbing
- Structural integrity issues, including collapsing flooring
- Unlawful entry into vacant units
- Other city ordinance violations, including an accumulation of waste throughout the property

The City of Denison has made numerous attempts to contact the owners. The city is working to find lawfully available solutions to bring the owner into compliance with the law, while focusing on the safety and well-being of residents. The City of Denison will carry out a scheduled water shut-off, March 1st, 2023.

City officials have been in contact with our local non-profit partners who can assist residents still currently living in both locations. The residents of these buildings are currently being notified.

“One of our priorities here is to get residents to safer and more sanitary conditions,” said City Manager Bobby Atteberry, “We understand this is a difficult situation for them. The city will be exploring next steps both logistically, and legally.”

After looking at options and discussions with the city’s legal staff, the city has also taken preventative measures for currently vacant units.

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About Denison Founded in 1872, the City of Denison is located 40 minutes North of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in Grayson County. The city comprises a population of approximately 25,000. The city offers an exemplary school district, a vibrant historic district, a robust housing market, excellent quality of life amenities, and an expanding business climate. Denison is moving forward and kicking back. For more information, visit us at www.cityofdenison.com.