

Challenges Involving Condo Fire Safety

- I. Ordinance 19-4 and 21-4 Relating to Fire Safety
 - a. HFD's Life Safety Evaluation Reports to Council
 - i. What is the total number of LSE forms submitted to HFD by 8/30/21?
 - ii. How many condo properties have received 'passing' scores on their LSE submittals (as of 8/30/21)?
 - iii. Which categories on the LSE form have the largest numbers of condo properties with low scores?
- II. HCCA's Compliance Challenges and Issues
 - a. What kinds of categories of criteria have been reported as being difficult to achieve?
 - b. What kinds of costs are identified as impacting condo associations' abilities to adopt fire sprinkler installations or alternative fire safety improvements?
 - i. Examples – are there additional costs besides the costs of installation of sprinklers for small, medium and large condos?
 - ii. Examples – what kinds of difficulties have been reported in the inspection and correction of vertical openings between floors in older condo properties?
 - c. How many licensed contractors are available to conduct life safety evaluations and to implement fire safety improvements plans?
 - d. What is a typical timeline for financing and undertaking building improvements through city agencies (e.g., DPP, HFD, BWS, etc.)?
- III. Addressing the Compliance Costs of Ordinances 19-4 and 21-4
 - a. What are the total costs associated with requiring condo associations to inspect and correct vertical openings in older condo properties?
 - b. What are the total costs associated with requiring condo associations to install fire sprinklers in individual units and common areas?
 - c. What type and how much financial assistance is needed to address condo owners' costs of compliance with Ordinances 19-4 and 21-4?

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