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Subject: Steps to be taken under the City's current Housing Code Compliance Program.

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As was stated in Atlanta's 1965 Recertification of its workable program, the greatest disadvantage of the presently adopted Housing Code Compliance Program was having to rely on 1960 housing census data to determine the number of sub-standard housing units that the program faces. This, in no way, compromises the approach of the systematic Housing Code Compliance Program; however, it does make it difficult to determine the actual housing case load and, therefore, the actual number of housing code inspectors needed to accomplish the program during the allotted period of time. The City of Atlanta feels that a careful analytical approach has been made to the problem, together with realistic estimates as to what can be accomplished. The City saw the year 1965 as a trial period for the Housing Code Compliance Program to determine if the estimates were accurate.

To this end, Atlanta Personnel and Comptroller Departments have been reviewing the personnel requirements of the Building Inspector Department in general. Administrative changes as they relate to Code Compliance are being considered that will balance housing code inspections with compliance. The Comptroller is recommending that within the 1966 budget three (3) Housing Code inspectors be added along with one Typist Clerk II. This will require an approximate \$19,000 expenditure the first year.

Considerable progress is being made on Atlanta's first Code Enforcement Project Area. Several areas were considered by the Planning Department, and the Center Hill area of 480 acres and 1031 families has been chosen by the Planning and Development Committee. Hopefully this application will be completed prior to the first of the year.

Further, Atlanta has taken the position that through the Community Improvement Program, it will be able to determine precisely its Housing Code work load and, from this, the City will be better able to further develop the Housing Code Compliance Program to a greater accuracy and make any necessary changes in the conduct of the program.

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To date through the CIP Atlanta has in her data system approximately 32 bits of information on each of the 110,000 parcels that lie within our boundaries. This information will be in a form that it can be evaluated shortly after the first of the year. This will enable the City to know precisely the number of sub-standard structures that we are dealing with in order that our Housing Code Program work load and deadlines can be properly evaluated.

I feel that Atlanta is, and will continue, progressing in an orderly manner to provide her citizens with safe and sanitary housing in which to live and prosper.

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