

CED Update to Assembly Housing and Homelessness Committee

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Types of Anchorage residents encountered during Code Abatement Actions

Legal Status

- Property owner
- Renter with contract
- Renter without contract
- Trespasser
- Guest of owner
- Guest of renter
- Minors with/without parent/guardian

Complicating Factors

- Behavioral health needs
- Substance use
- Other medical needs
- Pets
- Limited English fluency
- Criminal activity



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Case Study: 4626 Thompson

Dangerous Conditions

- No hot water.
- No heat.
- Fire slowing materials had been removed from walls.
- Extensive electrical risks present.
- Missing smoke alarms.

Occupants

- 8 adults.
- 8-10 children, in a single apartment.
- Thanks to HOPE team & RRS, all but one have been rehoused.



Municipal involvement

- AFD: 2 calls for service in 2026.
- APD: 53 calls for service in the last year.
- Code Abatement: Extensive visits in 2026.
- Extensive multi-agency support to rehouse occupants.

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Questions?

