

# MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL

## WORK SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, City Hall

**I. Call to Order.**

**II. Work Session Items.**

- a.) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON WORK SESSION RELATED ITEMS.
- b.) DISCUSSION ON FAB-LITE EXPANSION – City Manager Thad N. Taylor.
- c.) DISCUSSION WITH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON EXPECTATIONS.
- d.) DISCUSSION ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.
- e.) HOUSING COMMISSION RENTAL INSPECTION PROGRAM – City Manager Thad N. Taylor.
- f.) DISCUSSION ON HOUSING APPROACH – Lissette Reyes, PRT Community Development Fellow.
- g.) OTHER.

**III. Adjourn.**

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April 2, 2019

Manistee Housing Commission  
Clinton McKinven-Copus  
Executive Director  
273 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Manistee, MI 49660

**Subject:** Inspection Fees

Dear Mr. McKinven-Copus:

This letter is in response to your request for clarification of HUD’s position regarding inspection fees and the City of Manistee charging the Manistee Housing Commission fees to conduct inspections of public housing units.

Please be aware that the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) does not allow Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to expend Federal funds to pay for inspection fees charged by cities. Allowing such charges against Federal awards would divert resources from the purpose of the Housing Commission. The PHA may only use non-federal funds to pay these fees. An example of a non-federal source would be funds diverted to the Central Office Cost Center.

Furthermore, while it may be argued that private owners must pay the inspection fee while still providing adequate housing to their tenants, private owners are able to pass this cost along to the tenants. Housing Commissions do not have this option and, therefore, would be forced to absorb the cost of the inspection, again diverting funds from the Housing Commission’s purpose of providing safe, decent and sanitary housing.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Todd Miller, Portfolio Management Specialist, at (313) 234-7499 or [todd.r.miller@hud.gov](mailto:todd.r.miller@hud.gov).

Sincerely,

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