



Inspections Innovatons

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Inspections Background

PRE - 2014

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SINCE THEN...

Rental inspections are conducted by City Rental Inspector and Fire Dept.

Rental Registration Program is created

Fire Dept. is no longer involved in inspections process



CAPACITY

Waterloo can not inspect all 9,000 rental properties



DATA COLLECTION

Data collection methods are outdated and ineffective



LANDLORD OPERATIONS

Problematic landlords are not reprimanded

Current State





TENANTS



LANDLORDS



CITY GOVERNMENT

Stakeholders



Best Practices

Iowa City, IA

iPads for data collection

Cedar Rapids, IA

Tiered rental registration fees

Sacramento, CA

Self-inspections program

Boston, MA

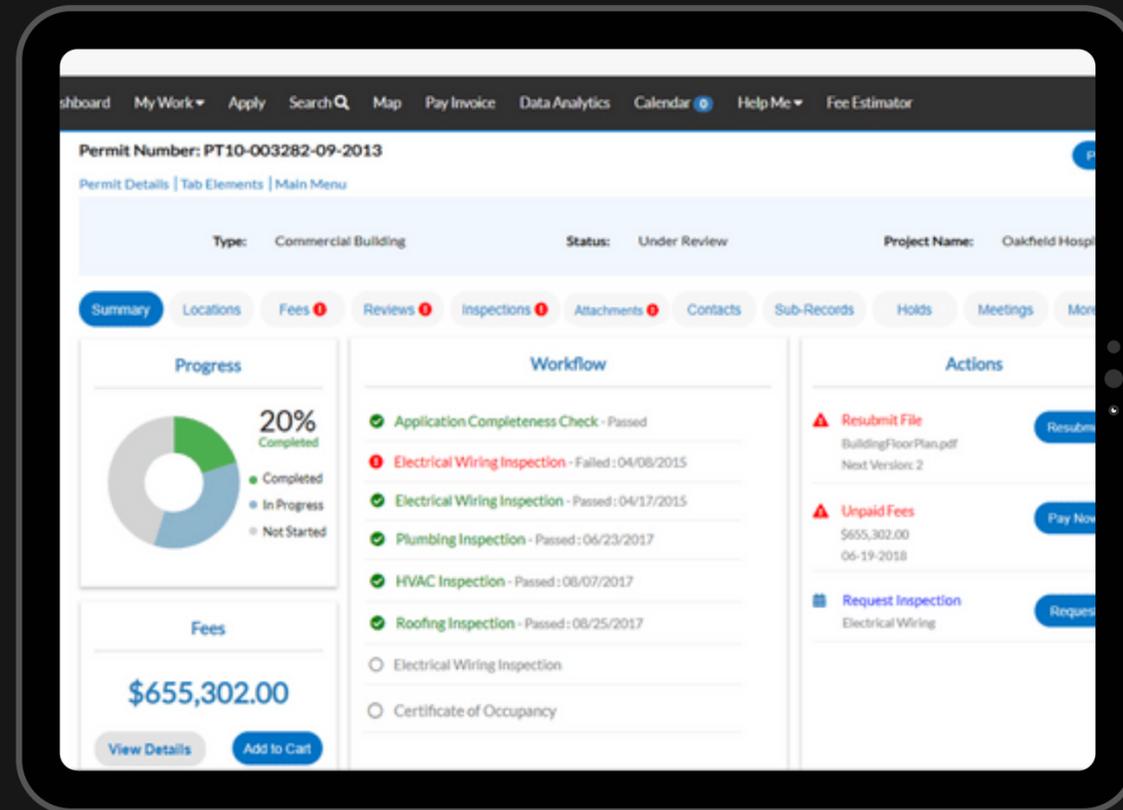
Re-inspection fee failure system

Policy Recommendations

DIGITALIZE ON-SITE DATA COLLECTION

iPads for immediate data collection

Ex: IGinspect



IMPLEMENT SELF-INSPECTION

Good standing landlords can self-inspect

Increasing Rental Registration Fee

PLAN #1 - RAISE FEE BY \$10

Hire 1 additional inspector at \$65,000
- \$35,000 leftover for additional services

\$25 → **\$35**

PLAN #2 - ANNUAL \$5 INCREMENTAL INCREASE

Year 2, hire 1 additional inspector
Year 3, hire 2 additional inspectors



Landlord Punitive Measures

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

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POST-PROJECT

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Next Steps

HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING

Convene Housing Task Force meeting to discuss policy proposals

CREATE WATERLOO SPECIFIC POLICY

Determine a Waterloo specific policy based on the meeting

CITY HALL MEETING

Meet with all stakeholders to hash out the rest of the policy

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