



# DeKalb TLC Rights Group

## Tenants, Landowners, And Community

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### To: DeKalb City Residents

DeKalb TLC Rights group originated approximately 4 months ago for the purpose of defeating the current city of DeKalb's proposed property ordinances. These ordinances, if passed, will directly **violate** and **negatively** impact all property within the city limits. This includes commercial and retail property, owner occupied residential properties, and rental/apartment properties.

#### **The Chronic Nuisance Abatement Ordinance:**

The language within this ordinance speaks of the city manager having full authority to deem what may be considered a "nuisance." This ordinance opens the door for home inspectors to have powers that exceed those of the police AND violates your Fourth Amendment Rights.

The new ordinance would give the city the ability to regulate, restrain, dominate, counteract or govern conduct that occurs on a property it deems to be a nuisance based on 3 or more "nuisance activities" in a 12 month period. The nuisances

cited in the ordinance are broad and vague, giving the City too much power over your property rights and allowing them to circumvent the protection currently provided to you by the independent court system. The Ordinance cites fines between \$250-\$1000 per violation, per day, may be imposed. The ordinance also talks about the ability to lock you out and **seize** your property!

#### **Rental Inspection Program:**

The city refers to this program as RIP. Under this program the city says they will have the ability to enter and inspect **all** 9,600 residential, income-producing rental properties without landlord or tenant consent, using municipality police power.

The city attorney has indicated once the rental inspection program has been initiated it will expand to all owner-occupied residential property. According to the city the purpose of this program is to inspect for code violations.

This ordinance will violate your fourth amendment right to its fullest. Our group has generated facts to the affect of this ordinance being a money revenue generator for the city's pockets. According to the 2008 city budget, the proposed amount of inspectors needed by 2011 will grow by five, with an already staggering 20 present positions held within the community development department. Instead of adding more inspectors why not add more police?

These ordinances must be defeated. There is **nothing** in these ordinances that is good for DeKalb citizens. Any questions or to further your knowledge on these facts, please visit our website, [www.dekalbtlc.com](http://www.dekalbtlc.com)

Also there are many interesting facts at [Dekalbcountyonline.com](http://Dekalbcountyonline.com) pertaining to these issues.

#### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- *DeKalb staff looking to present these ordinances the month of July. We must act soon!*
- *All community support welcome and needed.*
- *These ordinances shall be defeated, with your help, through protests, flyers, meetings, media, and word of mouth.*
- *Questions, Comments and Suggestions should be directed to TLC website*
- *Request for all citizens visit [dekalbcountyonline.com](http://dekalbcountyonline.com) to take the survey of rental inspection program (RIP) and read current program information.*
- *We encourage SPEAKERS for the cause in front of council or share your own personal grievance the day of the march.*

## Protest March Scheduled for July 28th 5:30 pm in front of DeKalb City Hall

TLC has joined alliances with several other professional and community groups such as; DeKalb Area Association of Realtors and associated professionals, owners and associates from liquor and small businesses, disgruntled city

employees, and folks against home rule. As a collective fight against these ordinances and other objections to the manner in which city staff and city council are conducting DeKalb city businesses and in affect are acting irresponsibly, we will be

conducting a civil protest march. Any and all citizens are welcome along with your children, relatives, neighbors and business associates. We are looking to be 2,000 people strong! We are in need of speakers willing to discuss your

issues at the council meeting that night. Contact TLC at our website, [www.dekalbtlc.com](http://www.dekalbtlc.com) or please call Susan at (815) 739-2739 or Brian at (815) 739-5785.