

Media Advisory



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COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS HOSTS 2nd ANNUAL DEED RESTRICTION WORKSHOP

Houston, TX, April 27, 2024—Deed restrictions are recorded agreements that limit how an individual piece of land may be used by its owners. In their simplest form, deed restrictions are exactly what they sound like: legally binding restrictions the landowner must abide by. When implemented well, deed restrictions are invaluable tools used to protect home values in residential neighborhoods and to restrict unwelcome businesses from moving into areas where they are not wanted.

Tiffany D. Thomas, Houston City Councilmember for District F, Chair of the city's Housing & Affordability Committee, and a staunch advocate for affordable housing, will lead a workshop aimed at helping homeowners, neighborhood champions, and community leaders understand the opportunities and limitations of deed restrictions; tools and tips to protect their homes from fraudulent contractors; and estate planning resources available to protect and plan for the future.

Thomas has been actively addressing the issue of short-term rentals in Houston. These rentals have caused concerns due to their misuse, including disruptive parties and criminal activities.

Meanwhile, Houston's civility ordinance, which was created in 2002, prevents anyone from sitting, sleeping, or laying their possessions on city sidewalks between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. There are certain situations where the ordinance does not apply. This regulation aims to maintain order and safety in public spaces. Participants will gain more information regarding the current ordinance and how it's being implemented.

City Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas of District F is hosting her 2nd Annual Deed Restriction Workshop on Saturday, April 27th at Tracey Gee Community Center in Westchase. Your feedback has prompted great concern for the need of this Deed Restriction Workshop. Our partners include Rice and Rice, Frost Bank, Housing Department, Department of Neighborhoods and the Harris County Tax Assessor.

WHAT: District F City Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas Hosts 2nd Annual Deed Restriction Workshop

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:30am-1pm

WHERE: Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., Houston, Texas 77042

SCHEDULE:

9:30 am – Doors open, grab breakfast, and network (15 minutes)
9:45 am – CM Welcome and introduction (10 minutes)
9:55 am – Presentation by Rice & Rice (25 minutes)
10:20 am – Presentation by COH Legal (25 minutes)
10:45 am – First Break (10 minutes)
10:55 am – Presentation by DON IPS (25 minutes)
11:20 am – Presentation by DON Legal (25 minutes)
11:45 am – Second Break (10 minutes)
11:55 am – Presentation by HCDD (20 minutes)
12:15 pm – Presentation by HCTAO (20 minutes)
12:35 pm – Q&A and Closing Remarks (25 minutes)

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Tiffany D. Thomas is the Houston City Councilmember for District F, representing Alief, Westchase, Tanglewilde, Briar Meadow, Westmont, and the historic Piney Point. As Chair of Housing and Affordability for the City of Houston, she oversees priorities related to Housing, Veteran Affairs, and Homelessness. She is a proud and long-time resident of District F and student of the public school system.

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