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## Full-time landlord inspection staffer sought

### City enforcement team swamped with requests

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Members of the city's Neighborhood Enhancement Team believe that a full-time staffer could provide great value to Manchester.

The team, made up of current city employees from six different departments, has been successful in addressing dozens of quality-of-life complaints sent to the city.

But the complaints keep on rolling in, and a long waiting list has formed. Deputy City Clerk Matt Normand said that the team has only been able to go out once every three weeks.

Last week a community service committee from NeighborWorks Greater Manchester, a non-prof-

it housing agency, suggested that aldermen fund a fully-staffed team.

"As you are well aware, N.E.T., since its inception two months ago, has been swamped with complaints regarding non-compliant property owners," the committee wrote aldermen. "This shows the extent to which residents see code violations in their neighborhoods to be a major quality-of-life issue."

Normand recently told the aldermanic committee on Administration and Information Systems that members of the NET team feel the same way.

"I know that most members of the NET team agree wholeheartedly with that," Normand said.

When aldermen pointed out that funding a full team would cost an enor-

mous amount of money, Normand suggested funding just one position that could help deal with the city's trash problem.

"A full-time staffer dedicated to that would improve things," Normand said.

For the past few months aldermen have been working on creating a solid waste compliance officer position, who would be charged with

enforcing the city's health and sanitation ordinances.

Normand said funding that job as soon as possible would help. The annual salary range for the job is \$32,000 to \$46,000.

If there is a quality-of-life concern in your neighborhood, contact the Neighborhood Enhancement Team through the city's Web site, [www.manchesternh.gov](http://www.manchesternh.gov).