In memory of James Peterson Council passes "nuisance" resolution

Owners of crime-ridden rental properties may feel additional heat from the city in coming months, thanks to a "nuisance" resolution passed by the city council in August. Meant as a first step toward toughening enforcement of Duluth's Housing and Nuisance Event codes, the resolution initiates a review of current strategies for dealing with properties that generate large numbers of police calls and code violations.

Sponsored by Councilor Sharla Gardner (3rd District), the resolution stemmed in part from the tragic murder in July of Jim Peterson at the Hillside Laundromat at First Avenue West and Fourth Street. It originally targeted the Hillside neighborhoods, but was amended by Councilor Todd Fedora to include the entire city.