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## **CITY OF OSHKOSH REQUEST TO SEND LAWSUIT TO FEDERAL COURT SENDS MIXED SIGNALS TO OSHKOSH BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

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The City of Oshkosh is delaying a potential resolution to legal action recently filed by the Winnebago Apartments Association (WAA) by requesting a change of venue ahead of a hearing scheduled for February 3rd, 2017.

The lawsuit, titled Winnebago Apartment Association Inc et al vs. City of Oshkosh et al, was filed on January 13th, 2017 seeks an injunction against the recently implemented Rental Property Inspection Ordinance. The City's action continues to stall efforts to find an amicable resolution with renters and tenants alike to the controversial measure.

"The City asked the Winnebago Apartment Association to a delay Court proceedings until May 1st to discuss a possible resolution," said WAA president Donn Lord. "But once again the City has been disingenuous with its intentions."

Lord maintains the ordinance fails to provide proper education to tenants and meaningful guidance to renters, and will result in an arbitrary and unconstitutional inspection regime in the City of Oshkosh.

"Tenants and renters have routinely felt left out of the process," Lord continued. "The City says it wants our input, but when they keep stalling taxpayers with last minute legal tricks it feels like nothing more than a cash grab."

### **ABOUT THE WINNEBAGO APARTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

The Winnebago Apartments Association (WAA) represents renters' and tenants' interests. WAA advocates for fair rental laws, educates the public and works to help make Winnebago County a better community.

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