

Agenda
Public Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting
625-52nd St, Rm 204
Monday, March 14, 2016
5pm

Chairperson:	Rocco J. LaMacchia, Sr	Vice Chairperson:	Jack Rose
Aldersperson:	Kurt Wicklund	Aldersperson:	Scott N. Gordon
Aldersperson:	Keith W. Rosenberg		

Call to Order
Roll Call
Citizens Comments

Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings Held February 29, 2016 and March 7, 2016.

1. Ordinance by Aldersperson Rhonda Jenkins - To Repeal Paragraph 7.03 10. *(of the Code of General Ordinances)* Regarding the Status of 50th Street as a Through Street. *(Oral Referral from Council on 3/7/16)*
2. Resolution by Aldersperson David Bogdala; Co-Sponsor Rocco J. LaMacchia, Sr. - To Urge the State of Wisconsin Legislature to Modify the Dispositional Orders Statute, Wisconsin Statute § 48.355(2)(B)2, to Best Protect Families Providing Care to Wisconsin's Foster Children. *(Referral from Council on 3/7/16)*
3. Presentation of 2016 Neighborhood Inspection Program (NIP) Operating Plan.

ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

End of Meeting

IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL 653-4050 BY NOON BEFORE THIS MEETING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REASONABLE ON-SITE ACCOMMODATIONS.

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held Monday, February 29, 2016

A meeting of the Public Safety & Welfare Committee was held on Monday, February 29, 2016 in Room 204 of the Kenosha Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Chairman LaMacchia.

At roll call, the following members were present: Alderpersons Wicklund, Rose, and Gordon. Alderperson Rosenberg was excused. Staff members in attendance were: Shelly Billingsley, Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Jeff Warnock, Superintendent of Parks; Police Chief John Morrissey; Alderperson Rhonda Jenkins; Alderperson Jan Michalski and Alderperson Eric Haugaard.

It was moved by Alderperson Gordon, seconded by Alderperson Rose, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 8, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Vicious Dog Declaration Appeal – Michelle Nerdrum, 7325-27th Avenue (*Otis, Pit Bull, Declared Vicious by the Kenosha County Division of Health, February 10, 2016*).
(District 8) PUBLIC HEARING
Staff: Police Chief Morrissey and Mark Melotik, Kenosha County Health Department, spoke.
It was moved by Alderperson Wicklund to defer for 2 weeks.
Public Hearing: Michelle Nerdrum, Heidi Larsen & Jeff Winberg spoke.
It was then moved by Alderperson Wicklund, seconded by Alderperson Rose to amend and defer for 1 week before a special meeting.
Motion carried unanimously on the 1 week deferral.

2. Aldermanic Request for an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of 8th Avenue and 50th Street. (*District 2*) (*Staff recommends denial*) (*deferred from the meeting on 2/8/16*)
PUBLIC HEARING
Staff: Shelly Billingsley spoke.
Public Hearing: Alderperson Rhonda Jenkins, Dave Chapman (Owner of The Lettering Machine), and John Fox spoke.
Staff: Police Chief Morrissey spoke.
It was moved by Alderperson Gordon, seconded by Alderperson Wicklund, to defer for 30 days. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS: Alderperson Rose spoke about the neighborhood watch ELCA Outreach Center and Dimension of Learning Academy will be hosting a meeting for neighbors in the uptown area on Tuesday, March 15 at Dimensions of Learning Academy. He also commented on how Police Chief Morrissey is very supportive on getting the Crisis Intervention Team in training. Alderperson Gordon wished Police Chief Morrissey the best moving forward and thanked for the open lines of communication and accessibility presented to the everyone & the City as a whole. Chairman LaMacchia thanked Police Chief Morrissey for 6 great years working with the Committee and good luck in the future.

End of Meeting – Chairman LaMacchia adjourned the meeting at 5:32 pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE
Minutes of Special Meeting held Monday, March 7, 2016

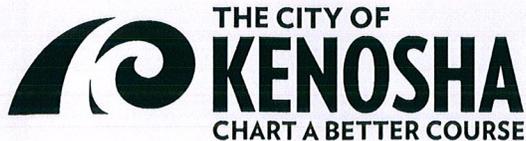
A special meeting of the Public Safety & Welfare Committee was held on Monday, March 7, 2016 in Room 100 of the Kenosha Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman LaMacchia.

At roll call, the following members were present: Alderpersons Wicklund, Rose, Gordon and Rosenberg. Staff member in attendance was Cathy Austin, Assistant City Engineer.

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Public Hearing: Michelle Nerdrum passed out some handouts and spoke.
It was moved by Alderperson Gordon, seconded by Alderperson Rose, to defer for two weeks. After further discussion, it was moved by Alderperson Gordon, seconded by Alderperson Rose to amend to a three week deferral. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERMAN COMMENTS: None

End of Meeting – Chairman LaMacchia adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.



SHELLY BILLINGSLEY, MBA, PE
Acting Director of Public Works
City Engineer

March 10, 2016

To: Rocco J LaMacchia, Sr, Chairperson,
Public Safety & Welfare Committee

From: Shelly Billingsley , MBA, PE *Shelly Billingsley*
Acting Director of Public Works

Subject: Ordinance by Alderperson Rhonda Jenkins - To Repeal Paragraph 7.03 10. *(of the Code of General Ordinances)* Regarding the Status of 50th Street as a Through Street. *(Oral Referral from Council on 3/7/16)*

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

As an oral referral from the Common Council on March 7, 2016, staff received the following Ordinance by Alderperson Jenkins from the Legal Department- to Repeal Paragraph 7.03 10. *(of the Code of General Ordinances)* Regarding the Status of 50th Street as a Through Street.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval as Public Works Engineering Division worked with Legal on this Resolution.

SB/dm

ORDINANCE NO.

SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON RHONDA JENKINS

TO REPEAL PARAGRAPH 7.03 10. OF THE CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES REGARDING THE STATUS OF 50th STREET AS A THROUGH STREET

The Common Council of the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section One: Paragraph 7.03 10. of the General Code of Ordinances for the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin, is hereby repealed.

Section Two: This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

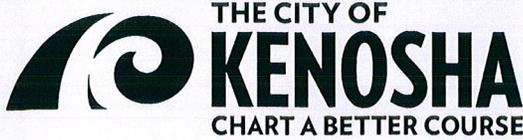
ATTEST: _____ City Clerk
Debra L. Salas

APPROVED: _____ Mayor Date: _____
Keith G. Bosman

Passed:

Published:

Drafted By:
EDWARD R. ANTARAMIAN
City Attorney



SHELLY BILLINGSLEY, MBA, PE
Acting Director of Public Works
City Engineer

March 10, 2016

To: Rocco J LaMacchia, Sr, Chairperson,
Public Safety & Welfare Committee

From: Shelly Billingsley , MBA, PE *Shelly Billingsley*
Acting Director of Public Works

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff has not recommendation.

SB/dm

RESOLUTION _____

SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON DAVID BOGDALA
CO-SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON ROCCO J. LAMACCHIA SR.

**TO URGE THE STATE OF WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE TO MODIFY THE
DISPOSITIONAL ORDERS STATUTE, WISCONSIN STATUTE § 48.355(2)(b)2,
TO BEST PROTECT FAMILIES PROVIDING CARE TO WISCONSIN'S
FOSTER CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, during 2015, the State of Wisconsin Child Protective Services (CPS) received 77,043 referrals alleging maltreatment of children, of which 27,638 referrals were screened in, meaning the referral of alleged child maltreatment was accorded further assessment by the agency; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2015, there were 7,118 children in out-of-home care in Wisconsin, which out-of-home care includes relative care, foster care, or treatment foster care; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha County has the eighth largest demand for foster-care services in Wisconsin, having received 2,243 CPS referrals in 2015, of which 670 reports were screened in, such that as of December 2015, there were a total of 276 children in out-of-home care in Kenosha County; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Statutes §48.355(2)(b)2, entitled "Dispositional Orders" requires that unless after hearing, a judge finds that disclosure of the identity of a foster parent would result in imminent danger, "the name and address of the foster parent shall be furnished to the court and the parent within 21 days after the order;" and

WHEREAS, providing the address of a child, removed from the home for its own protection, is an invitation to the parents, who generally have shown themselves to be poor decision-makers, and who may be physically abusive and/or abuse drugs; and

WHEREAS, in a recent survey of foster parents in Kenosha County the following comments were provided that expressed a concern with this portion of the law:

"I've been threatened several times by biological parents";

"I had a biological parent sit in their vehicle across the street and watch my home on multiple occasions";

"Many children we have fostered have parents who are criminal offenders or have drug issues and may have poor judgment";

"I have worked with violent and threatening parents and have had family members show up to my home even years later. This makes me wonder how my home can be a safe place for my own family and other placements";

"[We] have had family members show up at our home"; and

"I am constantly looking over my shoulder for strange vehicles or people as I go about my daily routine, and must always consider my own family's safety first.";

WHEREAS, placement stability is not only extremely important for the children's overall well-being and development, but research also shows it is a more cost effective method for county and state agencies, and

WHEREAS, to have placement stability, the number of licensed foster homes must equal or exceed the number of children in need; when there are not enough foster homes, siblings are split up, children are relocated to other counties, and even moved from home to home, which situations are not ideal for the child, their siblings, or their relationships with their biological family; and

WHEREAS, the increased threat to potential foster families created by Wisconsin Statutes §48.355(2)(b)2 through its requirement of providing the foster parent's address to persons other than the courts provides an impediment to further recruiting of new foster families and makes more likely the loss of foster parents who have been subjected to harassment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council for the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin so safe and devoted foster homes can better be recruited and retained, that the state legislature be urged to amend Wisconsin Statutes §48.355(2)(b)2 to remove the requirement that the contact information for foster families be provided to the families of the foster children who have been entrusted to them by the courts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby direct the City Clerk's office to send this Resolution to the offices of State Senator Robert Wirsch, and State Representative Peter Barca, State Representative Tod Ohnstad, and State Representative Samantha Kerkman.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST: _____
Debra Salas, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED: _____
Keith G. Bosman, Mayor

Drafted By:
EDWARD R. ANTARAMIAN
City Attorney



JEFFREY B. LABAHN
Director of
Community Development & Inspections

TO: Alderperson Rocco LaMacchia, Chairman
Members of the Public Safety and Welfare Committee

FROM: Jeffrey B. Labahn, Community Development & Inspections 

RE: **Neighborhood Inspection Program (NIP)- 2016 Operating Plan**

DATE: March 10, 2016

Attached please find the proposed Operating Plan for the City's 2016 Neighborhood Inspection Program. The Plan has been developed based on the input of City elected officials, City Staff, and community residents. Our goal this year is to inspect approximately 1,769 properties in eight (8) specific areas of the City.

Following the Common Council's approval of the Plan, department staff will begin informing the public about this year's program. We will be using a combination of public meetings, cable TV spots, press releases, and direct mailings to inform every property owner in the selected inspection area about the program. In addition, information will be available on the City's website.

Recommendation: Approval of the Neighborhood Inspection Program (NIP)- 2016 Operating Plan

JBL:jmu
attachments



Neighborhood Inspection Program

2016 Operating Plan



Department of Community Development and Inspections
625 52nd Street, Room 100
262.653.4263
kenosha.org
Neighborhood Inspection Program

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Neighborhood Inspection Program is the name given to the City program under which City staff conduct systematic exterior building and site inspections of every property in designated areas of the City.

II. PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The Neighborhood Inspection Program is a productive approach to eliminating blighting influences and promoting an overall upgrading of property and neighborhood conditions in various areas of the City. The program inspections are based on the knowledge that systematic inspections are a longer lasting and more effective method of improving the housing stock and stabilizing property values than the traditional complaint-based inspections.

III. OPERATING PLAN

A) Purpose

This operating plan identifies the major program activities, as well as the specific areas and the number of properties and the number of properties to be inspected. Also included is a schedule for implementing the program activities.

B) Schedule

January-February	Evaluate past inspection activities and review suggestions for 2016
February-March	Field survey suggested neighborhoods and/or properties
March	Prepare 2016 <i>Operating Plan</i>
March	Present 2016 <i>Operating Plan</i> to the Public Safety and Welfare Committee and the Common Council
April	Notify all affected property owners of the public meetings that will be held to explain the program
April-May	Conduct two (2) public meetings to explain the Neighborhood Inspection Program and the City's Property Maintenance standards. Meeting Places: April 20, 2016, Oribiletti Center (Lincoln Park, 6900 18 th Avenue) 5:00-6:30 pm. April 30, 2016, Southwest Library (7979 38 th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142) 10:30 am-12:00 pm.
April-May	Provide public outreach to educate community of 2016 Neighborhood Inspection Program. This includes presentations, media contact and updating the kenosha.org website. Meet with local landlord organization to apprise them of the neighborhoods involved and the City's maintenance standards
May-October	Conduct the property inspections using a standard inspection checklist (Attachment 1); and, secure property compliance
Sept.-Dec.	Begin assembling requests and information for year 2017 program
July-December	Close out complied cases and extend open cases in accordance with Department policy

C) Inspection Area

The Department of Community Development and Inspections has identified eight (8) areas that would benefit from the systematic inspection services. These areas were selected after surveying all the areas recommended to the Department by area residents, elected officials, and City Staff. The 2016 *Neighborhood Inspection Program* maps show all the areas included in the 2016 program. The Department is proposing to inspect approximately 1,769 properties this year. This is a 22% increase from the 2015 Neighborhood Inspection Program.

D) Public Information and Education

The Department makes an ongoing effort to educate the public about the Neighborhood Inspection Program and the City's property maintenance standards. The goal is to inform the public and motivate property owners to voluntarily maintain their properties, thereby reducing the need for complaint based inspections. The Department uses the following mediums to inform the public about the City's code enforcement efforts:

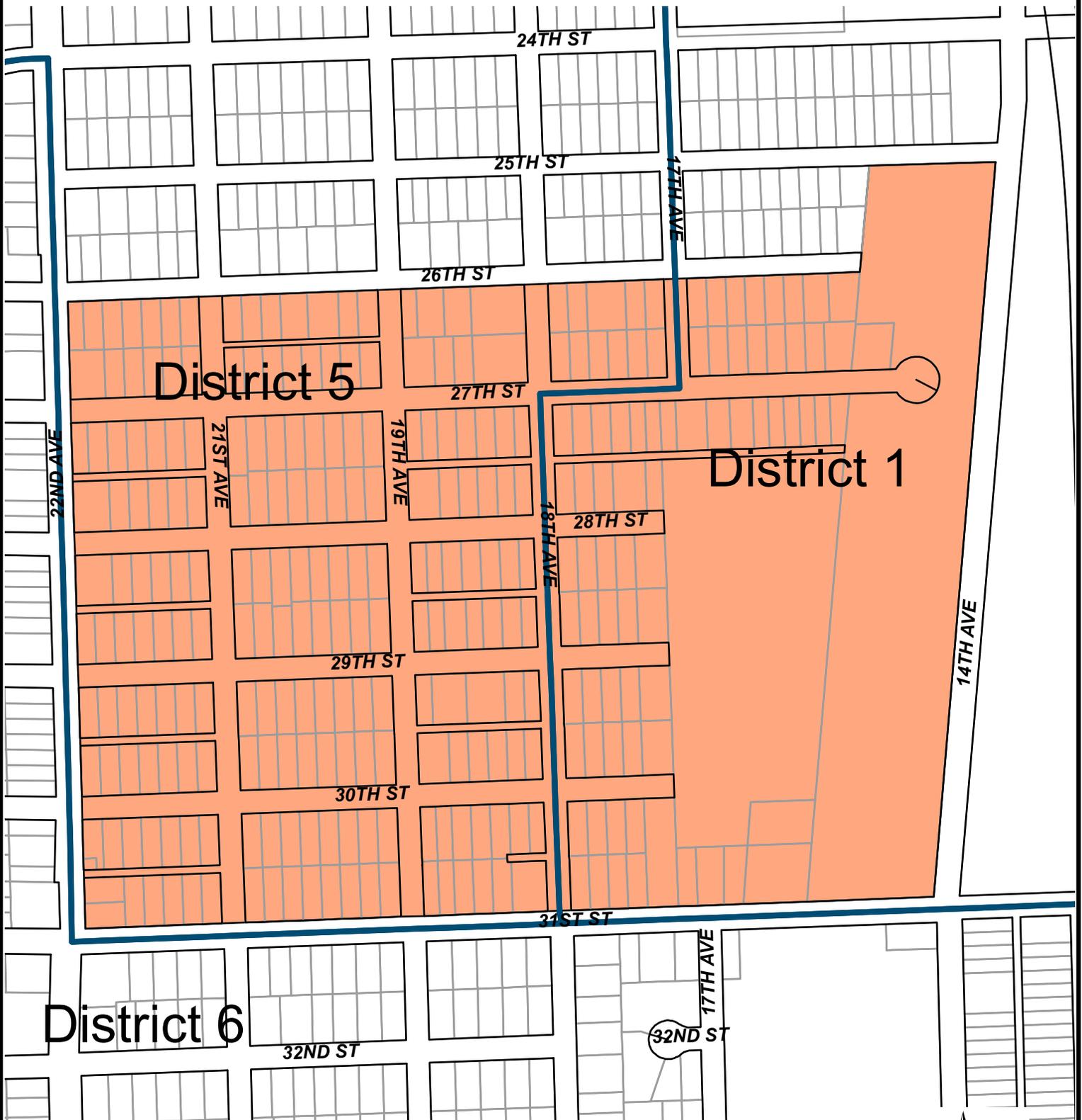
1. Homeowners: The Department publicizes and conducts several public meetings each spring to explain the Neighborhood Inspection Program. Every affected property is notified in writing of the meeting and the upcoming inspection activities. During the meetings, staff explains the program, the code enforcement process, and property maintenance requirements.
2. Landlord Groups: The Department also meets every year with local landlord groups to inform them why the inspections are being made, where staff will be making their inspections, and to explain the City's property maintenance standards.
3. Written Materials: The Department has brochures and other written materials that explain property maintenance standards and the code enforcement process. These materials are given to every property owner who receives an *Order to Repair* and are available to anyone who wants information on the City's property maintenance programs.
4. City Web Page: The Department maintains an up-to-date summary of all inspection activities and procedures. Interested citizens can access the City of Kenosha's Home Page on the Internet for information on all City code enforcement activities. The City's website is www.kenosha.org.

Department of Community Development and Inspections Exterior Inspection Checklist

- Exterior Walls
 - Paint not chipped and peeling
 - Walls weather tight and in good repair
- Street Numbers (Address)
 - Numbers 2 ½" high
 - Numbers placed conspicuously at front of building/can be seen from street
- Roof/Chimney
 - Roof shingles in good repair-weather tight, water tight, and rodent proof
 - Chimney mortar in good repair
- Exterior Eaves/Trim
 - Wood not rotted; is weather tight, water tight and rodent proof
 - Paint not chipped and peeling
- Porches/Decks/Jump Platforms
 - Safe and capable of supporting the load that normal use may cause to be placed thereon
 - In proper repair and condition
- Stairs/Rails
 - Have uniform risers and treads
 - Handrails on all open sides of steps that have more than three (3) risers
 - Guardrails required at decks more than 24" above grade
 - Guardrails and handrails shall be installed in accordance with *Building Code*
- Doors
 - Weather tight, water tight, rodent proof and in proper repair
 - Hardware in working condition
- Windows, Storms and Screens
 - Weather tight
 - No broken glass
 - Screens fit tight and have no tears/rips (Screens required for ventilation to be installed annually before April 15, and storms to be installed before November 15)
- Exterior Lighting
 - Electrical fixtures in good repair and safe to the public
- Garbage/Trash Containers

- One- and Two-family dwellings- occupants must supply
 - Three- and Four- family dwellings- owner must supply
 - More than four units, owner must supply a sufficient number of dumpsters on a hard paved surface
- Paint
 - All exterior surfaces not inherently resistant to deterioration are painted (scraped and primed where peeling) or otherwise covered with a protective coating
- Gutters/Downspouts
 - Gutters, downspouts, and extensions provided and in good repair
 - Painted, if they have chipped and peeling paint, or are rusted
- Foundation
 - In good repair
 - Tuck pointed where needed
 - Weather tight, water tight, and rodent proof
 - Level and plumb position
- Exits
 - Three or more units-each unit must have two exits
 - Shall meet building code requirements in effect at the time the dwelling was built
 - All exits accessible
- Garages/Fences/Sheds
 - Garages and sheds in good repair and condition
 - Roofs, walls, doors and windows water tight and rodent proof
 - No chipped or peeling paint
 - Fence secure and in good condition
- Paved Areas/Parking Areas
 - Safe with no potholes
- Landscaping/Grass/Weeds
 - Landscaping installed and maintained in all yard areas
 - Grass does not exceed eight inches (8")
 - Weeds must be removed
- Yard Areas
 - Free of rubbish, garbage, physical hazards, rodent harbor-age, animal feces, junk and debris
- Graffiti
 - Graffiti shall be removed from all real property (any building, structure, shed, fence, deck or other improvements) in a reasonable period of time

2016 Neighborhood Inspection Program



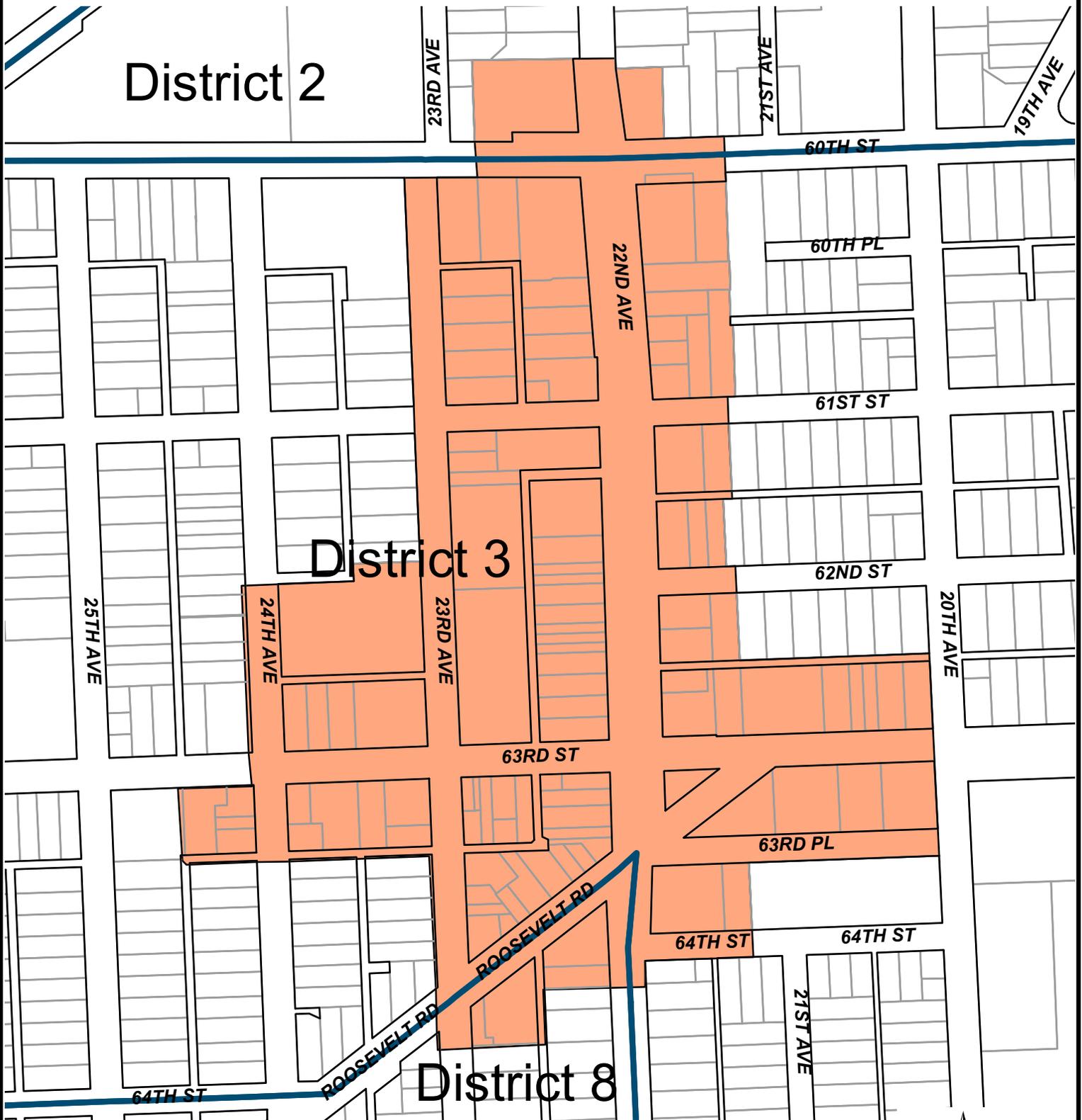
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-  Inspection Area #1

291 properties



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2016 Neighborhood Inspection Program

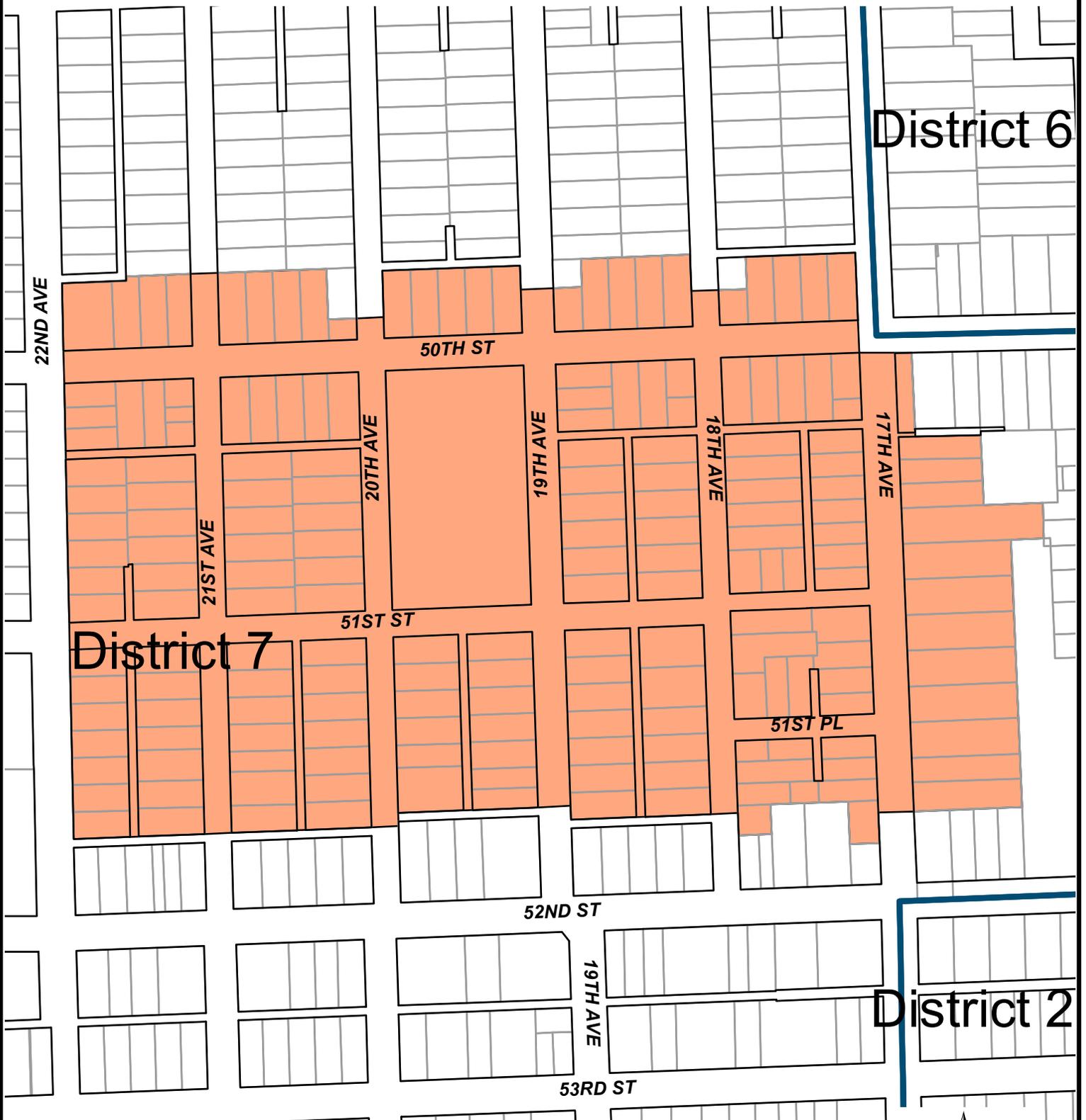


-  Aldermanic District boundaries
-  Inspection Area #3

109 properties



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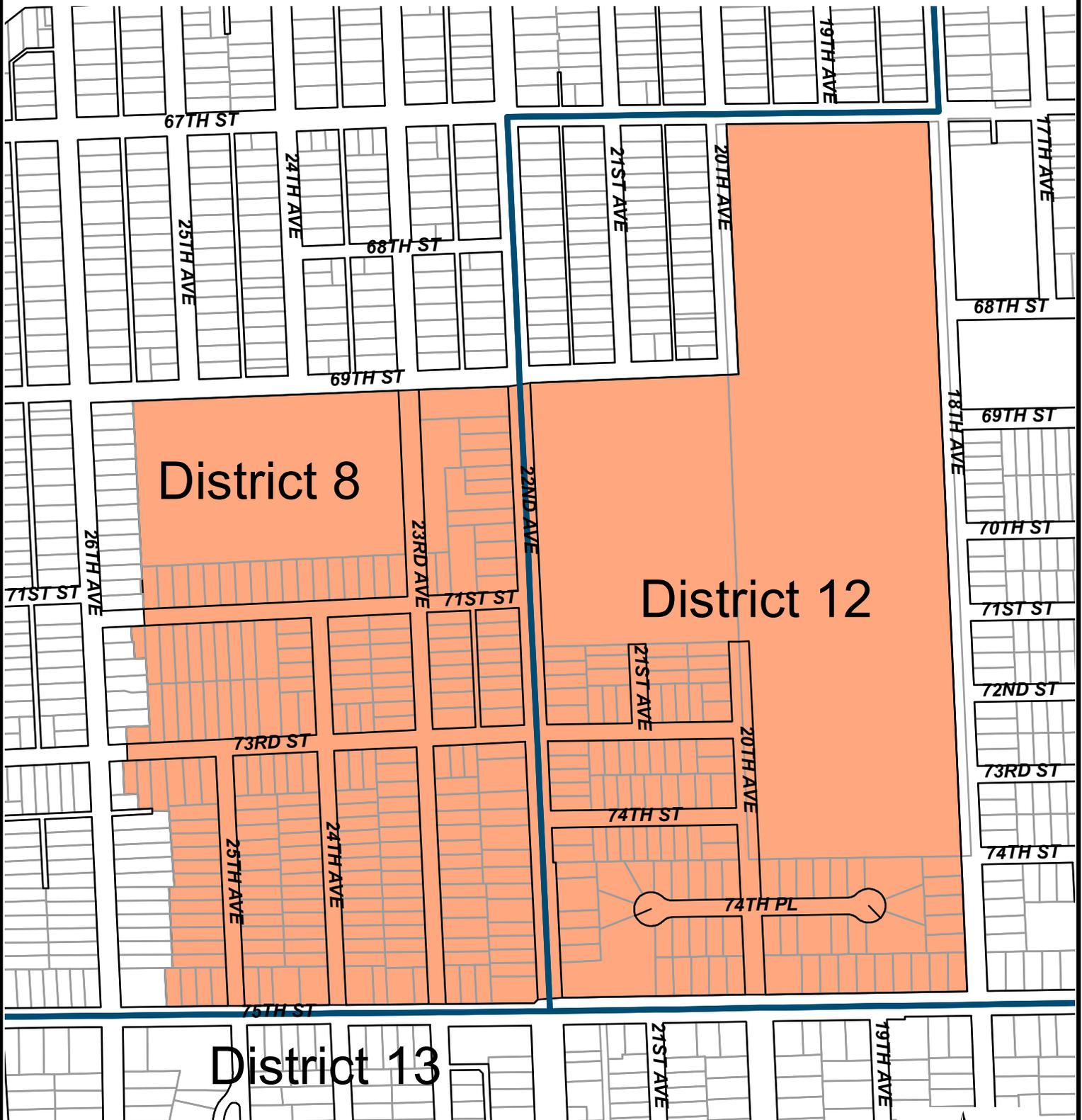


-  Aldermanic District boundaries
-  Inspection Area #4

188 properties



2016 Neighborhood Inspection Program

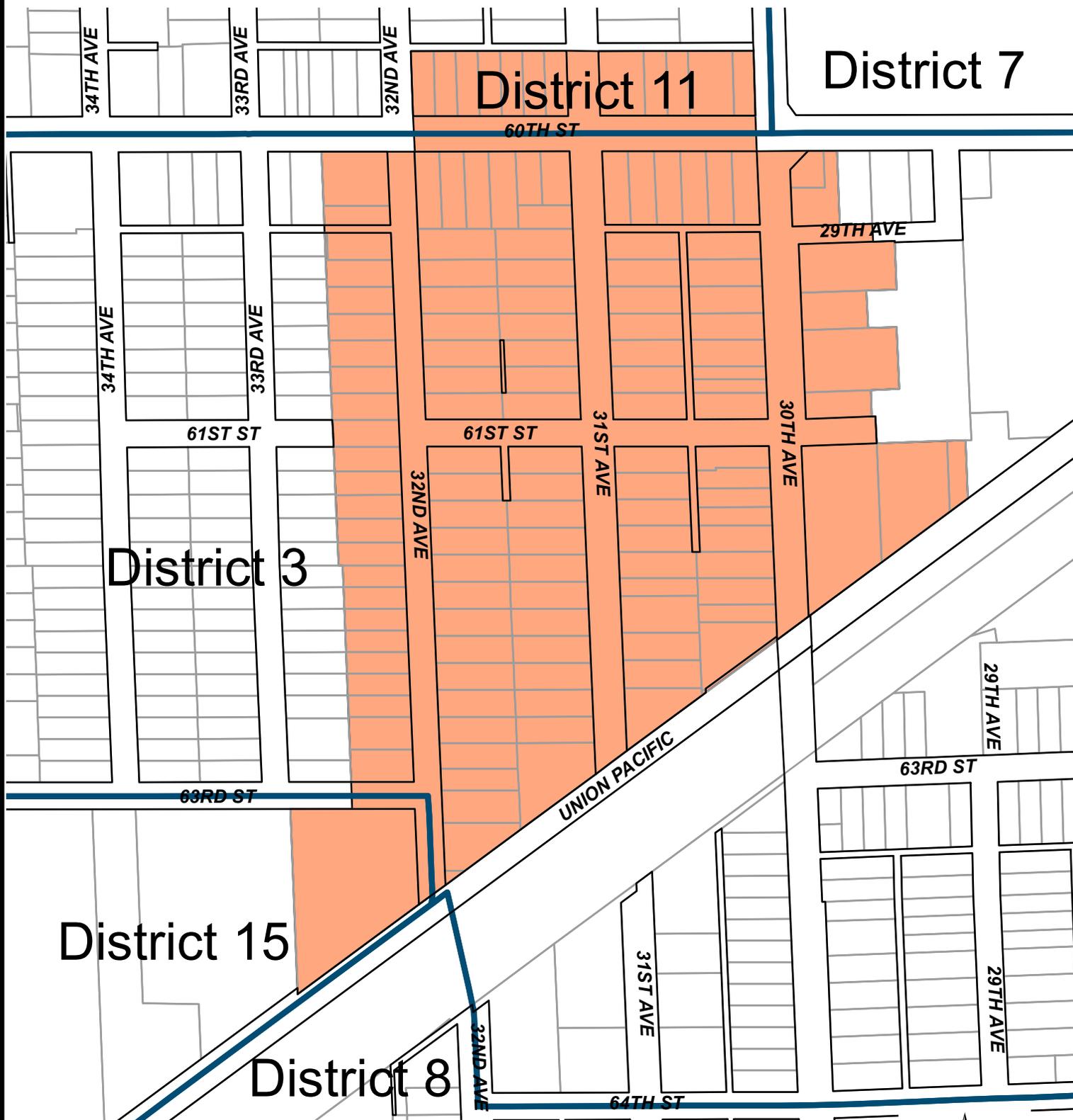


-  Aldermanic District boundaries
-  Inspection Area #5

331 properties



2016 Neighborhood Inspection Program



 Aldermanic District boundaries

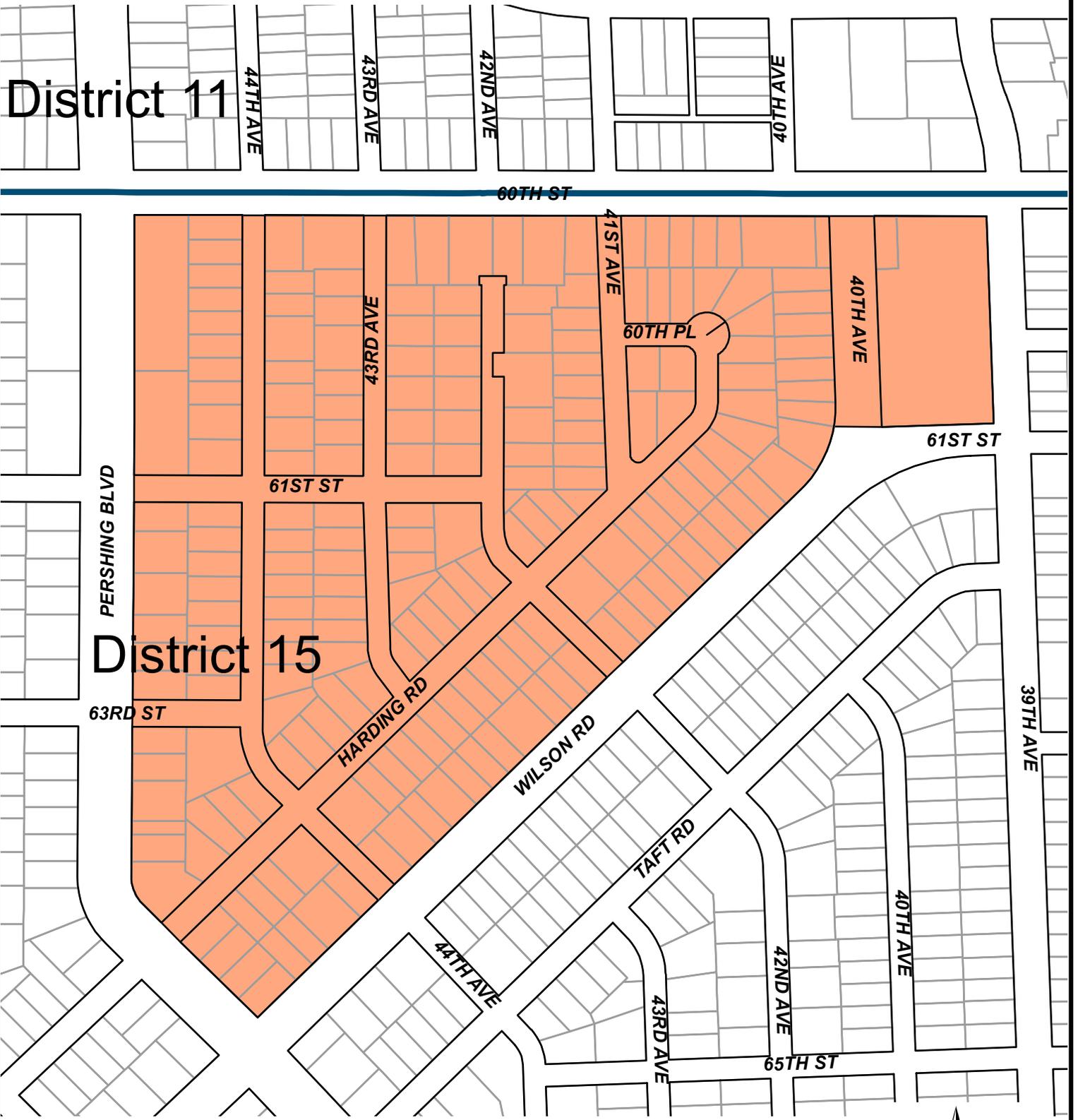
 Inspection Area #6

136 properties

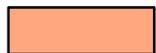


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2016 Neighborhood Inspection Program



Aldermanic District boundaries

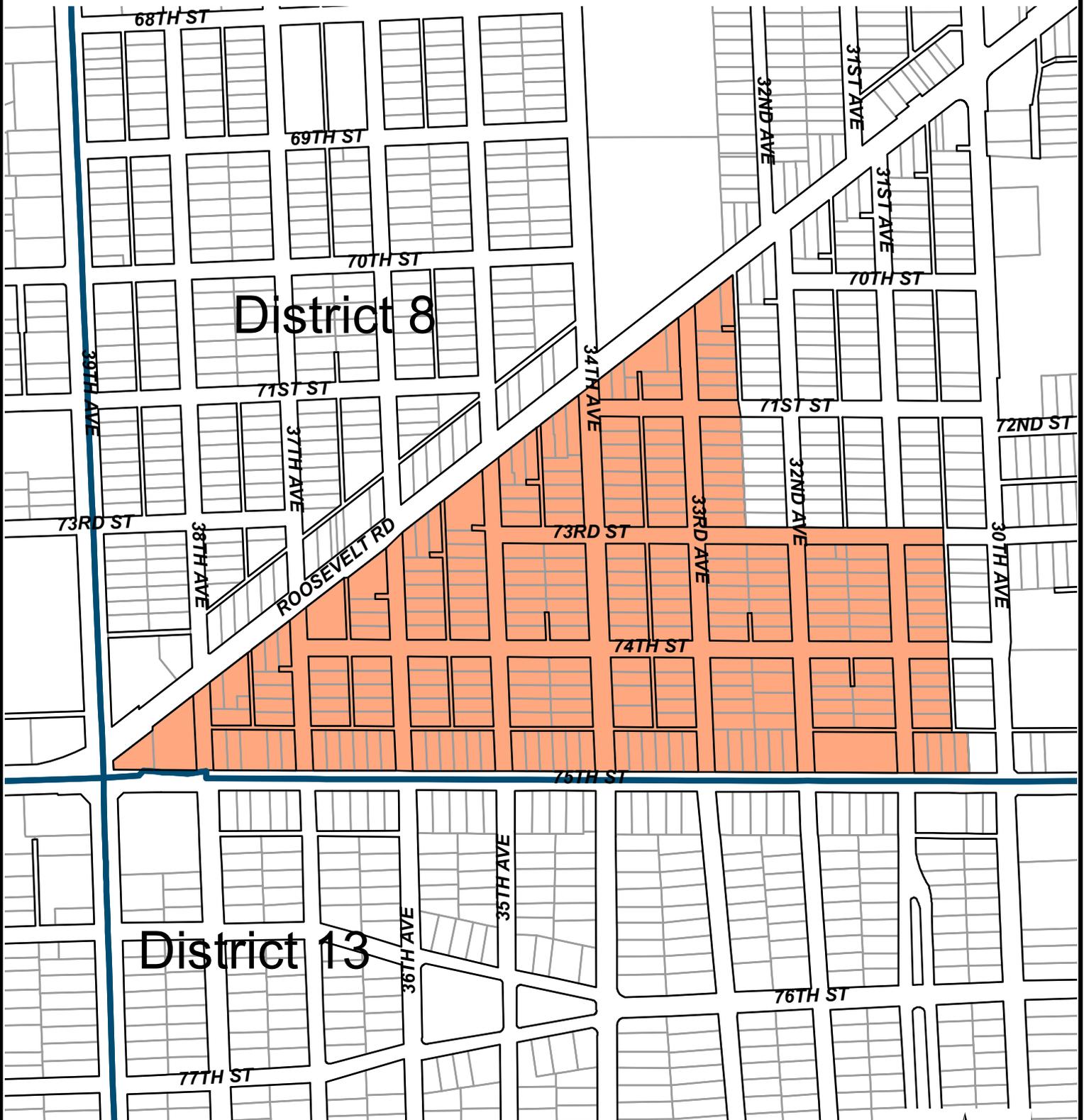


Inspection Area #7

209 properties



2016 Neighborhood Inspection Program



 Aldermanic District boundaries

 Inspection Area #8

255 properties



0 400 Feet

