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City of Columbus Secures Preliminary Injunction against Latitude Five25 Apartments on East Side

Court Orders Security Upgrades, Maintenance Remediation at Complex the Site of 1,000 Police Calls for Service and Dozens of Code Violations Since 2020

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the City of Columbus obtained a preliminary injunction against the owners of Latitude Five25, an east Columbus-area apartment complex that has seen more than 1,000 police calls for service and dozens of code violations in recent years.

"Columbus residents entering into a lease agreement should not have to worry if their landlords will complete routine maintenance and ensure safe, sanitary living conditions," said City Attorney Zach Klein. "Residents of Latitude Five25 have suffered for too long. That's why we're taking aggressive action to target violent crime and ensure safety and sanitary conditions to improve the quality of life for every resident."

According to court documents, CPD received more than 1,000 calls for service to the premises between Jan. 7, 2020 and Jan. 6, 2022, including calls for shots fired, shootings, overdoses, narcotics complaints, reports of domestic violence and assault, and fights on the property.

Additionally, Code Enforcement has received a multitude of complaints from residents for unsafe and unsanitary conditions, including common areas not being cleaned, insect infestations, and failure of staff to respond to maintenance requests.

Multiple inspections of the premises between Oct. 2021 and Jan. 2022 have identified violations, including in common areas, stairwells and in more than a dozen units.

As a result of the court order, the current owners of Latitude Five25, Paxe Latitude, must provide security services at the premises 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, residents must be provided information on property maintenance, and staff must be present during regular business hours, and maintenance requests must be responded to within 24 hours.

Property owners must also work to address outstanding emergency in unit and common area violations within 36 hours and non-emergency violations within 14 days.