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Housing office will review apartments

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One phone call to the Lincoln Housing Code office can tell you about the conditions of the apartment building you may plan to live in.

Joseph Turek, chief housing consultant for that office, said some of its information is confidential, but if a caller asks for a particular address, they are willing to give it.

Turek said his office inspects apartment buildings, which are defined as everything with two apartments or more, to make certain they pass the minimum housing code. He said they look at health and safety matters.

To license an apartment, the owner must apply and Turek's office then sends an inspector.

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\$8,000?

He said there are over 2,000 licensed apartment complexes in Lincoln

Turek admitted that he is understaffed in the area of inspectors, but another man has been hired to help.

New buildings are inspected upon completion and then again after four years. he said. Other buildings are inspected every two or three years, depending upon its age, he explained.

Because of the timing of the inspections, Turek said the files on apartment conditions are not always current.

In much older buildings, he said, there are inspections every year.

If a tenant has a complaint about the condition of his apartment, he may call the Housing Code office, and they will send out an inspector immediately, Turek said.

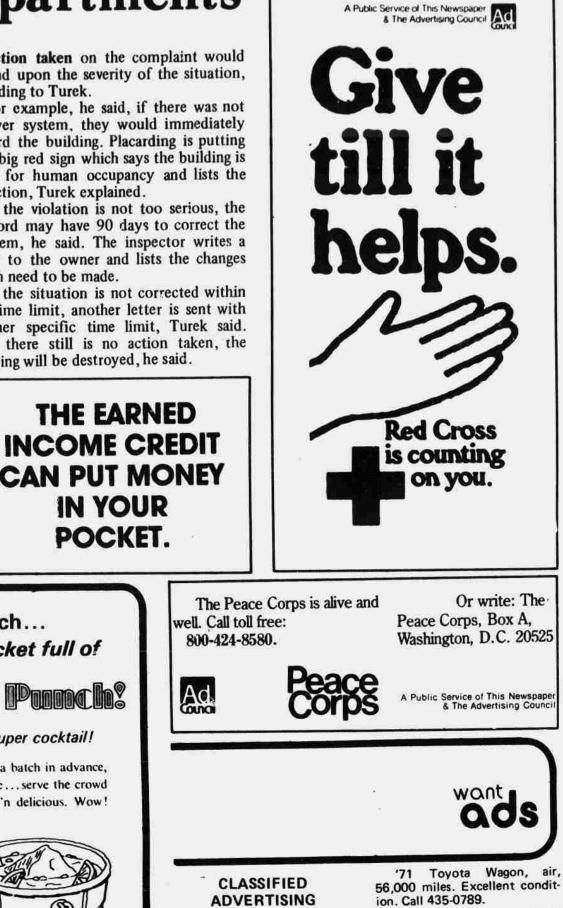
Action taken on the complaint would depend upon the severity of the situation, according to Turek.

For example, he said, if there was not a sewer system, they would immediately placard the building. Placarding is putting up a big red sign which says the building is unfit for human occupancy and lists the infraction, Turek explained.

If the violation is not too serious, the landlord may have 90 days to correct the problem, he said. The inspector writes a letter to the owner and lists the changes which need to be made.

If the situation is not corrected within the time limit, another letter is sent with another specific time limit, Turek said. If there still is no action taken, the

building will be destroyed, he said.



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NEBRASKA UNION BOARD OPEN HEARINGS

WILL BE HELD CONCERNING PROPOSED **CHANGES IN THE CITY UNION**

The Nebraska Union Board has in concept endorsed several proposed modifications in Union services, and is requesting student input before any further action. Proposed changes include relocating the barbershop and leasing its pre-vious space; remodeling and leasing the small TV lounge; additions of services such as a deli, plant, film, candy, and ice cream shops; and remodeling the North Desk. Blueprints and drawings can be viewed in the Main Lounge.

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