

Court rules city law does not violate Constitution

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The constitutionality of the city's administrative warrant law has been confirmed in state Supreme Court.

State Supreme Court Justice Thomas A. Stander ruled the city's law does not violate the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment, which protects against unreasonable searches and seizures.

The administrative warrant law provides the city a means to inspect buildings for compliance with health and safety codes such as fire hazards and lead paint.

"We are grateful that the court has affirmed our authority to provide that protection despite the objections of a selected few," Mayor Robert A. Duffy said in a statement.

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