



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

April 7, 2026

SPONSORED BY

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AGENDA ITEM

26-070 - Resolution to Invite the Residents of Brooks Park to Discuss Experiences with Rats

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

WHEREAS, the tenant association of Brooks Park apartments have been living with a rat infestation since they first formed in March of 2024, with residents experiencing:

- Frequent sightings of rats behind the building in the parking lot;
- Hearing rats living in the dumpster when throwing away trash;
- Rats on the fire escape outside windows;
- Rat holes along the front of the building;
- Rats in the basement/laundry room;
- Rats in the city part across the building;

WHEREAS, the tenant association sent a request to Charlesgate Property Management requesting simple fixes to the heightened levels of rat infestation, as detailed in the attached letter from December 2025, notably:

- Replacement of inadequate and unused dumpsters with new ones that close tightly, including those with a locked lid and a side door;
- Removal of unused dumpsters, such as the one that is sealed shut;
- More frequent trash collection;
- Professional exterminator services;
- Plugging rat holes in the front of the building;
- Collaborating with the City in eradicating rats from the park;

WHEREAS, Charlesgate has not taken adequate steps to meet these requests since the letter was sent in December; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Medford City Council that the residents of Brooks Park Apartments and

Charlesgate, as well as representatives from the Board of Health, be invited to City Council to speak about their experiences on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Brooks Park Tenants Association Letter April 2026