

GENERAL

Ordinance Fact Sheet

Ordinance 210055

Ordinance Number

Brief Title

Refusal to Rent--Covid Evictions--
Healthy Rental Homes

Approval Deadline

Reason

To amend 34-481.1 to add new prohibition of refusal to rent based on Covid-19 non-payment actions

Details

Positions / Responsibilities

<p>Reason for Legislation</p> <p>Amending Article XIX, "Healthy Rental Homes" by repealing Section 34-848.1, "Prohibitions" and replacing it with a new section of like name and subject matter containing a new subsection (g), for the purpose of preventing the failure to rent or lease a rental unit based in whole or in part on prior evictions or other actions for failure to pay rent that occurred between February 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021.</p>	
<p>Discussion</p> <p><i>(Including relationship to other Council actions)</i></p> <p>Covid-19 has created a general economic emergency resulting in loss of jobs and wages and has resulted in a high number of evictions or other loss of housing due to the inability to pay rent. Discrimination against persons having a prior eviction or accumulation of unpaid rent during this pandemic can make it impossible for persons to secure other housing, interrupting schooling and employment, exacerbating the homeless crisis in the City, increasing the burden on the City's resources, and delaying the economic recovery of the City.</p> <p>This ordinance adds a new prohibition, Section 34-848.1(g), to the Healthy Rental Homes and prohibits owners from failing to rent or lease rental units based on prior evictions, the filing of lawsuits, eviction actions or judgments for lack of payment of rents owed during the period of February 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.</p> <p>Each day of a violation (refusal to rent based in whole or in part on the above) shall be a separate violation and punishable by a fine of \$1,000.</p>	
<p>Is it good for the children? Yes.</p>	

Sponsor	Councilwoman Shields and Councilwoman Robinson
Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected	Health
Applicants / Proponents	Applicant City Department Other
Opponents	Groups or Individuals Basis of opposition
Staff Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against Reason Against
By	X For <input type="checkbox"/> Against <input type="checkbox"/> No action taken <input type="checkbox"/> For, with revisions or conditions (see details column for conditions)
Council Committee Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> Do Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Do Pass (as amended) <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Sub. <input type="checkbox"/> Without Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Pass

Details

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Policy / Program Impact

Policy or Program Change	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Operational Impact Assessment	

Finances

Cost & Revenue	
	<i>Increase/Decrease in Revenue Expected Annually</i>
Fund Sources	

(Use this space for further discussion, if necessary)

Applicable Dates

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