



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Carol Johnson, Director, Office of Civil Rights *CJ*

**THROUGH:** Veronica Briseño, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** May 31, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **Update on Renters' Rights and Eviction Code Ordinances (Resolution No. 20220203-039 and Resolution No. 20220203-040)**

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On February 3, 2022, Council approved [Resolution No. 20220203-039](#) which directed staff to prepare a code amendment establishing renters' rights and [Resolution No. 20220203-040](#) which directed staff to prepare an eviction prevention code. This memo serves as update on the development of these ordinances.

Because both resolutions recommended engaging with the same interested stakeholder groups as part of the ordinance process, staff has and is continuing to host one set of community engagement meetings covering both topics. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) hosted two initial community engagement sessions on March 10 and March 23, 2022, in collaboration with Communications and Public Information Office (CPIO) community engagement staff. Following those meetings, staff recognized that more substantive and varied community engagement opportunities were necessary. The OCR is continuing to work with CPIO staff in a multi-faceted community engagement process to collect critical feedback which will be instrumental in developing the ordinances.

The upcoming community engagement process will include the following communication methods:

- Three additional in-person community meetings
  - June 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., community open house format, YMCA North Austin, 1000 W. Rundberg Ln.
  - June 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., community open house format, Montopolis Recreation and Community Center, 1200 Montopolis Dr.

- Week of July 11<sup>th</sup>, third in-person meeting to review and assess stakeholder input from the June community meetings and to receive final and/or clarifying comments.
- A SpeakUp Austin! Page will be active through July 15, 2022, to allow for written comments.
- The Meeting in a Box stakeholder engagement tool will allow residents to gather feedback in their respective neighborhoods; an
- Austin 3-1-1 will allow for additional telephonic survey responses.

Following the completion of the community engagement process, staff anticipates consideration of the draft ordinances at the September 1, 2022, Council meeting.

If you have questions, please contact me at 512-978-1534 or [carol.johnson@austintexas.gov](mailto:carol.johnson@austintexas.gov).

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