

City of Austin



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2626, Agenda Item #: 103.

8/31/2023

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 (Land Development) related to tenant notification and relocation requirements that apply when property is redeveloped, and creating an offense and penalty.

Lead Department

Housing Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

On October 27, 2022, City Council approved Resolution No. 20221027-039 initiating amendments to the City's tenant notification and relocation requirements that apply to certain types of redevelopment.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee - July 19, 2023: Recommended for approval.

Planning Commission - August 8, 2023: Approved as amended on a vote of 8-1. Commissioner Cox vote nay. Commissioner Barrera-Ramirez off the dais. Chair Shaw and Commissioner Mushtaler absent. One vacancy on the dais.

Additional Backup Information:

The City Council adopted the Tenant Notification and Relocation Ordinance on September 1, 2016, (Ordinance No. 20160901-050. Challenges were identified in the years following the 2016 ordinance adoption and Resolution No. 20180628-063 asked the City Manager to seek feedback from stakeholders on the category of tenants who should be eligible for notification and relocation assistance and submit recommendations to Council to initiate an ordinance change related to this topic. In April 2022, Ordinance No. 20220421-058 amended the 2016 ordinance to clarify interior renovations were included in the notification requirements for demolition and renovations of buildings with five or more occupied units.

If approved, this ordinance will apply these requirements to redevelopment that includes unpermitted work; and will update tenant eligibility standards for relocation purposes. This ordinance also creates a look-back period that is consistent with existing timelines and modifies when notification can occur so that it only can happen before an applicant submits their application. Lastly, this ordinance creates new definitions (unpermitted work and multi-family property) and moves some existing definitions from one City Code section to another.

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