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MOTION

Guide to Tenants' Rights, Responsibilities, and Resources

WE MOVE that the Administration create a short, concise, and simple document entitled "Guide to Tenants' Rights, Responsibilities, and Resources" ("Guide"). The Rights and Responsibilities should include the information from the "Notice to Tenants" required by Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 871-11 and any other relevant Federal, State, or Local laws. The Resources should include information and contact information for tenant resources or programs offered through the City of Cincinnati or other local organizations.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration provide a report regarding ways that the Guide can be distributed and made available to tenants in the City of Cincinnati.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Guide and report be submitted to Council for its review within ninety (90) days.



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Councilmember Reggie Harris

STATEMENT

In the City of Cincinnati, 61.1 percent of housing units are occupied by renters.¹ As we seek to address the needs of these people in our community through more stable and affordable housing options, it is pivotal that they have a full understanding of their rights and responsibilities as tenants. In addition, there are many resources offered to tenants in the region through the City, nonprofits, and utility providers to help alleviate issues like sudden loss of income or utility burden. However, many tenants who could benefit from these programs and resources are not aware of what is available until they need assistance.

Now more than ever, we need to have an educated, empowered populous of tenants in our City. Making sure these residents are aware of this information in a simple, straightforward presentation is critical. The creation and distribution of this resource will be a first step in the direction towards achieving a broader understanding among the population and ensuring that the laws are upheld, particularly as we seek to reinforce the already existing rights through an expanded Tenants' Bill of Rights.

¹ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/cincinnati/cincinnati/cincinnati>

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