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Councilmember

MOTION

WE MOVE the Administration and City Manager to provide a report on the feasibility and possible structure and framework of an ordinance incentivizing and/or requiring residential landlords who avail themselves of City subsidy, funding, or tax abatements, to include specific terms in all residential lease contracts at the benefitted property. If permitted under state law, it is Council's desire that the lease terms provide that when a landlord has issued a tenant a three-day notice to leave the premises for non-payment of rent and the tenant then offers the full rent owed within that three-day period, the landlord must accept the rent and cannot proceed to sue the tenant for eviction.

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STATEMENT

Recognizing the challenges under Ohio's landlord-tenant laws of incorporating a broadly applicable 'pay-to-stay' ordinance, Council would like the Administration to evaluate whether the City can properly place such a requirement on residential landlords who avail themselves of City funds, subsidies, and tax abatements. Recognizing that the City and Hamilton County are experiencing an eviction crisis that burdens low-income families with children, it is critical that the City explore all available options to stabilize renting families, and ensure that unnecessary evictions (at issue here, those evictions where all rent due and owed is offered to a landlord) are not filed in Cincinnati.