

Date: September 12, 2019

To: Councilmember Greg Landsman
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Solicitor *PBM/AWG*
Subject: **Ordinance – Ordaining New Section 26, “Tenant Information Website – City Website”**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING the provisions of Article II, “City Manager,” of the Cincinnati Administrative Code by **ORDAINING** new Section 26, “Tenant Information Website – City Website”; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take appropriate administrative steps to obtain same-day eviction filing data from the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, in order to make such data obtained available to service providers partnering with the City of Cincinnati in eviction relief services and eviction prevention initiatives.

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WHEREAS, the 4% eviction rate in Hamilton County exceeds the national average of 2.3%, and the 8.7% eviction filing rate in Hamilton County exceeds the national average of 6.3%; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati is engaged in eviction prevention initiatives, including a pilot program offering eviction relief services through St. Vincent DePaul Society to vulnerable, low-income populations in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati currently provides free landlord and tenant trainings to the public on a regular basis in an attempt to protect against unnecessary eviction filings; and

WHEREAS, when tenants can access information and referrals to appropriate agencies and community-based organizations, they can often avoid an eviction through the receipt of rental assistance or advocacy; and

WHEREAS, through access to information about their legal rights, tenants’ likelihood of being evicted in the future is reduced; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to passage of this ordinance, Council further authorizes the City Manager to take appropriate administrative steps to obtain same-day eviction filing data from the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, in order to make such data obtained available to service providers partnering with the City of Cincinnati in eviction relief services and eviction prevention initiatives; now, therefore,

BE IT **ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, with three-fourths of its members concurring:

Section 1. That a new Section 26, “Tenant Information Website – City Website,” of Article II, “City Manager,” of the Cincinnati Administrative Code is hereby ordained to read as follows:

Sec. 26 – Tenant Information Webpage – City Website.

- (a) Subject to the availability of necessary appropriations, the city manager is authorized to take all necessary steps to initiate the creation of a residential tenant information webpage on the city’s website that includes information regarding (1) residential tenants’ rights and responsibilities pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 871, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5321, and relevant federal laws applying to residential tenants; and (2) local resources and referral information for tenants, including information regarding any and all eviction relief services offered by the City of Cincinnati.

- (b) Subject to the availability of necessary appropriations, the city manager is authorized to take all necessary steps to ensure that this tenant information webpage allows visitors to download the information provided in a format readily accessible to the public.

Section 2. That, subject to the availability of necessary appropriations, the City Manager is further authorized to make take appropriate administrative steps to obtain same-day eviction filing data from the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, in order to make such data obtained available to service providers partnering with the City of Cincinnati in eviction relief services and eviction prevention initiatives.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2019

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk