



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0021

Late Fees for Past Due Rent

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: March 16, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:00 PM

Time (Ending): 2:20 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: ~50

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Antonio Glover Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

- Bill Synopsis in the file? yes no n/a
- Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a
- Agency reports read?..... yes no n/a
- Video or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a
- Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a
- Evidence of notification to property owners?..... yes no n/a
- Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a

Motioned by:.....Councilmember Robert Stokes

Seconded by:.....Councilmember Antonio Glover

Final Vote:..... Fav. with Amendments

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Ms. Nikki Thompson, Office of the President
- Mr. Victor Tervalá, Department of Law

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representative. She read the bill into the record.
2. Councilmember Stokes commented on the bill emphasizing that the bill would not impact people who already have lease agreements.
3. Ms. Nikki Thompson presented amendments to:
 - Define the term "Government Benefit"
 - Emphasize that the bill does not apply to leases for HABC public housing
 - Add new language requiring that leases that include penalties for late payment of rent MUST also include a provision prohibiting the landlord from applying a penalty for late payment of rent until:
 - the tenant's payment of rent is more than 10 days late, OR
 - the tenant has received their regular scheduled government benefit disbursement (if the tenant has previously provided the landlord with written notice showing the day of the month the benefit is normally issued or mailed is later than the day on which the rent is due).
4. The committee approved the amendments.
5. The committee approved the bill favorable with amendments.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair Yea
John Bullock: Yea
Mark Conway: Yea
Ryan Dorsey: Yea
Antonio Glover: Yea
Robert Stokes: Yea
Odette Ramos: Yea

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

Date: March 17, 2021

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