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HEARING NOTES

Ordinance: 20-0526

Baltimore City COVID-19 Renter Relief Act

Committee: Land Use
Chaired by: Councilmember Edward Reisinger

Hearing Date: May 6, 2020
Time (Beginning): 2:10 PM
Time (Ending): 3:30 PM
Location: Webex Virtual Hearing
Total Attendance: Approximately 75 people

Committee Members in Attendance:
Edward Reisinger Shannon Sneed
Mary Pat Clarke Eric Costello
Ryan Dorsey Sharon Green Middleton
Leon Pinkett Robert Stokes

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Motioned by: Councilmember Costello
Seconded by: Councilmember Clarke
Final Vote: Fav. with Amendments

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
Bill Wells, Housing Authority of Baltimore City
Pedro Aponte, Department of Finance
Hilary Ruley, Department of Law

Major Issues Discussed

1. Vice-Chair Sneed read the bill number, title, and purpose.
2. President Scott explained the importance of and the need for the bill.
3. Representatives from the reporting agencies confirmed the recommendations in their written reports.
4. Committee members and agency representatives discussed the scope of the bill and potential amendments. The Committee considered and adopted the amendments suggested by the Law Department. President Scott noted that his office would follow up regarding the other amendments discussed and that they could be proposed on second reader if needed.
5. Members of the public testified in support of the bill. Speakers explained the problems faced by residential tenants during the COVID-19 emergency and gaps in the current measures in place to protect them. Members of the public also testified about the challenges that landlords are facing during the emergency and potential difficulties landlords could have implementing the bill as it is drafted.
6. The Committee voted to recommend the bill favorably with amendments.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

E. Reisinger: **Yea**
S. Sneed: **Yea**
M. Clarke: **Yea**
E. Costello: **Yea**
R. Dorsey: **Yea**
S. Middleton: **Yea**
L. Pinkett: **Yea**
R. Stokes: **Yea**



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: May 7, 2020

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