



# City of Ann Arbor

## Formal Minutes

### Renters Commission

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Thursday, January 15, 2026

5:30 PM

Electronic Meeting

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**1      CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Ratcliff called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM*

**2      ROLL CALL**

**All members attended the meeting electronically from Ann Arbor, MI with the exception of Commissioner Chen who attended the meeting electronically from Atlanta, GA.**

**CM Harrison joined the meeting at approximately 6:14 PM**

**Also present:**

**Gayle Rosen, University of Michigan Student Legal Services  
Liaison**

**John Reiser, City of Ann Arbor Attorney's Office**

**Kristen Vander Lugt, City of Ann Arbor Clerk's Office**

**Present:** 12 - Jordan Else, Robert Droppleman, Rosanita Ratcliff, Dandan Chen, Travis Radina, Cynthia Harrison, Kimberly Pitts, Michelle Liao, Hanna Larcinese, Chris Boddy, Toya Pace, and Sheila Rasouli

**3      APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Larcinese, seconded by Rasouli, approved unanimously as presented.**

**4      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4-A      26-0090      Minutes of the December 18, 2025 Renters Commission Meeting**

**Attachments:** 12-18-2025 Renters Commission Minutes.pdf

**Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.**

**5 FIRST GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

*No speakers.*

**6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6-A [25-2217](#) Update on and/or Vote to Support Ordinance to Create Rent Transparency & Eliminate Mandatory Junk Fees**

**Attachments:** Ordinance to Create Rent Transparency & Eliminate Mandatory Junk Fees - Renters Commission Update .pdf, Ordinance to Create Rent Transparency & Eliminate Mandatory Junk Fees Update 1-15-2025.pdf, Pre-Tenancy Fee Ordinance Resolution 1-15-2025.pdf

**Moved by Pace, seconded by Chen, that the Renters Commission approve the Resolution in Support of Amending Section 8:532 to Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.**

**On a voice vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion passed.**

**Approved resolution reads as follows:**

**WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor Renters Commission is committed to supporting legislation that promotes equity in rental housing practices.**

**WHEREAS, The Ann Arbor City Council has previously identified a need to protect tenants from unreasonable fees associated with rental housing, and passed Section 8:532 to Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII in January 2025 to promote equity in rental housing applications (Pre-tenancy fees).**

**RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor Renters Commission endorses the amendment to Section 8:532 to Chapter 105 of Title VIII in order to provide financial transparency to tenants entering lease agreements.**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor Renters Commission supports passage of the proposed amendment to Section 8:532 to Chapter 105 of Title VIII by Ann Arbor City Council to further protect tenants from unequitable Tenancy Fees associated with rental housing.**

**Yeas:** 8 - Ratcliff, Chen, Pitts, Liao, Larcinese, Boddy, Pace, and Rasouli

**Nays:** 0

**7      NEW BUSINESS**

**26-0091** Discussion/Resolution to Support the City of Ann Arbor Comprehensive Plan

**Moved by Ratcliff, seconded by Rasouli, to vote on a resolution in support of the City of Ann Arbor Comprehensive Land Use Plan at the Commission's next meeting.**

**Approved unanimously.**

**26-0092** University of Michigan Central Student Government (CSG) Survey Update

**8      REPORTS**

**8-A      Report from City Council**

**8-B      Report from Commissioners**

**8-C      Report from Staff Liaison**

**9      COMMUNICATION**

**26-0093** Various Communication to the Renters Commission

**Attachments:** Courthouse Square \_Redacted2.pdf, GlencoeComplaint\_Redacted.pdf, Needing support

\_Redacted.pdf, No affordable housing required in the CLUP.pdf, Pittsfield Complaint\_Redacted 2.pdf, The CLUP - please do not support it because it makes affordability worse\_Redacted.pdf, UPDATE NO WORK DONE - Courthouse Square\_Redacted 2.pdf

*Tom Stullberg expressed*

**Received and Filed**

**10      SECOND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

**11      ADJOURNMENT**

*Unanimously adjourned.*

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