City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Agenda - Final-revised

Renters Commission

Thursday, October 19, 2023	7:30 PM	Electronic Meeting

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1   CALL TO ORDER

2   ROLL CALL

3   APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4   APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4-A   23-1752   Minutes of the September 21, 2023 Renters Commission Meeting

Attachments: 9-21-2023 Renters Commission Minutes.pdf

5   FIRST GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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6   OLD BUSINESS

6-A   23-1749   Junk/Pre-Tenancy Fees

Attachments: Approved 4-20-2023_ Renters Commission Report- Waitlists for Rental Units in Ann Arbor.pdf, Email from John Reiser.pdf

7   NEW BUSINESS

7-A   Report from Tenant Education Committee

7-B   Update: Green Fair Event

7-C   23-1750   Discussion: Landlords Asking Tenants to Act as Agents

City staff has become aware that tenants are being "asked" to sign as an agent.

- Mostly independent non-local owners
- Rental Housing services advise against tenants signing as agents on the property registration form. (However, being there to let the inspector in is fine if, they are over 18. Especially, if the owner/agent can't be there.)
- Tenants cannot contact Rental Housing to reschedule or cancel (only owner/agent can do this)

Also of note:
- Some owners/agents will charge the tenant if there is a no entry (not letting an inspector in) or if the tenant wants to reschedule. If the tenant wasn't made aware of the inspection by the owner, then they are not required to open the door.

Attachments: Chapter 105 - Agent.pdf

7-D   **23-1751**   Discussion/Motion: Municipal Electricity

Attachments: Draft Motion From Julia Goode.pdf

7-E   Discussion: Right to Counsel

7-F   Discussion: Inspection Fines

7-G   **23-1768**   Plan For November 16, 2023 Renters Commission Meeting
- Review Bylaws
- Review/Draft Work Plan for 2023-2024
- Review Meeting Date

Attachments: Renters Commission bylaws APPROVED 9-6-22.pdf, Renters Commission Work Plan Approved 12-15-2022.pdf, CTN Meeting Schedule 10-16-2023.pdf

8   REPORTS

8-A   Report from City Council

8-B   Report from HHSAB Liaison

8-C   **23-1785**   Report From City Staff

Attachments: Report from Staff 10-19-2023.pdf

8-D   Reports from Commissioners

9   SECOND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

9-A   Public comment can be made by phone at: 877-853-5247 or 888-788-0099 Meeting ID: 935 8080 1941 or via Zoom by joining the meeting at: a2gov.org/RentersCommissionMeeting

10   <u>COMMUNICATION</u>

10-A   <u>23-1753</u>   Various Communication to the Renters Commission

               <u>Attachments:</u>   Email from Courthouse Square Resident B Redacted 1.pdf, Email from Courthouse Square Resident B Redacted 2.pdf, Email from Courthouse Square Resident A Redacted2.pdf

11   <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

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