



City of Malden

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Rules & Ordinance Committee

*Chairperson Craig Spadafora,
Vice Chair Peg Crowe,
Ryan O'Malley,
David Camell,
Stephen Winslow*

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

6:30 PM

REMOTE MEETING

Call to Order

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Roll Call

Also present Councillors Linehan, Anderson, Murphy, Condon, Sica and DeMaria. City Solicitor Fallon was present.

Present: 5 - Craig Spadafora, Peg Crowe, Ryan O'Malley, David Camell and Stephen Winslow

Minutes to be Approved

Business

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Order: Be it hereby **ordained** that the Malden City Council establish a Housing Stability Notification Ordinance, the intent of which will be to require landlords and foreclosing owners to provide tenants information about their rights and resources when serving an eviction notice.

Sponsors: Amanda Linehan and Stephen Winslow

Council Chair Spadafora turned the discussion over to Councillor Linehan the sponsor of the item. Councillor Linehan talked about the need to protect vulnerable tenants and the paper would require landlords to outline help for tenants facing eviction. Councillor Linehan stated if passed it would help to stabilize neighborhoods and prevent some cases from going to court. Councillor Linehan estimated the cost would be \$1500-\$2000 for translation and designs for a flyer and content for the website. Councillor Winslow is in support and stated it would balance it out between landlords and tenants. Councillor Crowe wanted to know more about the mechanics of the program. Councilor Anderson asked for information with how big of a problem exists. Councillor Murphy stated that both sides need to be brought to discussion. Councillor Linehan informed the committee the last data she had for eviction rate in Malden was 2016 and it was 2.36 % (345 eviction filings). Councillor Condon stated he would like to know his rights as a landlord as well. Councillor Spadafora told the committee they will take up the topic for further discussion at a Rules and Ordinance meeting.

Other Business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chair Peg Crowe, seconded by Councillor Camell, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.