



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conrad Mallet Jr., Corporation Counsel

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: August 17, 2022

RE: Requesting an Amendment to Detroit City Code 8-15-82

Good morning,

The office of Councilwoman Calloway is requesting an ordinance amending Detroit City Code 8-15-82 to extend the scope of the ordinance to cover filing requirements for Termination of Tenancy.

According to researchers at the University of Michigan Poverty Solutions, Termination of Tenancy cases has risen over 60% since March 2021. Termination of Tenancy cases rose while the Eviction Moratorium was in effect as Landlords would not have to adhere to filing requirements set for Non-Payment cases. Our office believes that landlords use Termination of Tenancy as a loophole to circumvent filing precedent set by State Law to unjustly evict tenants with verification/proof of Certificates of Compliance. Extending the filing requirements to Termination of Tenancy would not only halt unjust evictions but would reduce the bottleneck of caseloads for 36th District and would also significantly reduce the demand for legal aid attorneys as we roll out the Right to Counsel.

We look forward to working on this matter.

Cc: Tonja Long, Chief Administrative Corp. Counsel

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