

Attachment 5

Additional Enforcement Provisions

Overview

Additional Enforcement Provisions aim to strengthen tenant protections by authorizing the City Attorney to initiate civil proceedings for damages related to the displacement of tenants. This measure is designed to enhance the City's ability to hold landlords accountable for unjust evictions and improper eviction procedures, ensuring that displaced tenants have a viable path to seek compensation.

Authority and Scope

Under these Additional Enforcement Provisions, the City Attorney would be granted the power to:

1. **Initiate Civil Proceedings:** The City Attorney can commence legal actions against landlords responsible for evicting unjustly or where landlords have not adhered to proper legal procedures.
2. **Enforce Compliance:** The provisions would enable the City Attorney to enforce compliance with tenant protection laws, ensuring that landlords adhere to legal requirements and do not exploit procedural loopholes to unjustly displace tenants.

Implementation and Considerations

1. **Legal Framework:** The city will need to establish clear guidelines and procedures for the City Attorney to follow when initiating civil proceedings. This includes defining the criteria for pursuing damages, determining the types of compensation available, and ensuring that the process aligns with existing laws and regulations.
2. **Resource Allocation:** The City Attorney's office may require additional resources to effectively handle these cases. This could include additional staff, training, and support systems to manage the increased caseload.