



Pinellas County

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Title: Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, by removing the Tenant’s Bill of Rights, removing Sections 42-432, 42-433, 42-434, 42-435, 42-436, 42-437, and 42-438.

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: 1. State-Filed ORD 23-16, 2. Adopted ORD 23-16, 3. Tenant’s Bill of Rights Rescinding Ordinance 23-Draft (004), 4. Summary_HB_1417, 5. Ordinance_22_27_Adopted, 6. Memo to Clerk Tenants bill of rights, 7. Electronic Affidavit of Publication, 8. Affidavit of Publication

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
8/15/2023	1	Board of County Commissioners	approved	Pass

Subject:

Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, by removing the Tenant’s Bill of Rights, removing Sections 42-432, 42-433, 42-434, 42-435, 42-436, 42-437, and 42-438.

Recommended Action:

Conduct a public hearing and approve the ordinance amending Chapter 42 to remove the provisions related to the Tenant’s Bill of Rights.

- Removes requirement for Notice of Rights to be provided to tenants.
- Removes provisions related to discrimination relating to public assistance.
- Removes requirement for Notice of Late Fees.
- Removes requirement for Notice of Rent Increases.
- Removes provisions for enforcement.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to create and enhance a safe, secure, and healthy community

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.3 Catalyze redevelopment through planning and regulatory programs

Deliver First-Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public’s resources

5.4 Strive to serve the needs of all Pinellas County residents and customers)

Summary:

The proposed ordinance repeals the provisions in Ch. 42 related to the Tenant's Bill of Rights.

Background Information:

The County Tenants Bill of Rights, Ordinance 22-27 was adopted on August 11, 2022. The Florida Legislature has enacted Ch. 2023-214 (House Bill 1317) which has preempted the County's ability to regulate these matters. A summary of the bill is attached. The legislation became effective on July 1, 2023, and the County ceased enforcement of the ordinance at that time.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A - The cost of education and enforcement of this new ordinance can be accommodated within existing departmental budgets.

Staff Member Responsible:

Carol Stricklin, Director, Housing and Community Development

Partners:

Pinellas County Code Enforcement
Pinellas County Office of Consumer Protection

Attachments:

Proposed Ordinance
Summary of HB 1417
Adopted Ordinance 22-27
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