

Have You Read Proposal 1 Yet?

Proposal 1 (Ballot Language)

The Amendment states the City shall not restrict relationships of persons living together as a household or residing in homes, or interfere with rights of owners to live with persons of their choice, so long as they are not rent-paying tenants. The City will make zoning and rental records public. The City must give advance notice of housing penalties. Repeat violations of zoning and rental laws can be a misdemeanor if knowing and intentional. Persons in federal service get a house-sitting exemption from rental laws. The City shall use state law to define "renter," "rental unit," "lease," "tenant" and "occupancy."

Proposal 1 (Full Language)

1. The City shall not restrict in any way relationships of persons living together as a household or residing in the home, or interfere with the rights of owners to live with persons of their choice, as long as such persons are not rent-paying tenants.
2. Persons in military or other federal service assigned outside the area will qualify for a house-sitting exemption for the duration of their service.
3. The City shall maintain current and accurate records of all zoning and rental license violations, which shall be open for public inspection and copying during business hours.
4. To enforce zoning, occupancy, or rental housing laws, the City must first notify owners and occupants of the violation by issuing an Order and allowing at least seven days to comply with the law.
5. A person who after receipt of the Order fails to comply by the deadline may then accrue fines for that violation and be subject to penalty as a civil infraction.
6. If a person has previously been found by a Court to have violated a zoning, occupancy or rental housing law, a subsequent violation of the same type may be charged as a misdemeanor if that violation is proven to be knowing and intentional.
7. When the words "renter", "rental unit", "lease", "tenant" and "occupancy" are used in the Charter or ordinances, their meanings shall be defined according to state law.