LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Displaced Tenant Preference in City Affordable Housing]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to eliminate the expiration of a preference in City affordable housing for Displaced Tenants due to a fire (Category 3), and extend the period for which a Displaced Tenant due to fire may utilize the preference, from three to six years.

Existing Law

Current law provides preference in all City Affordable Housing Programs to certain "Displaced Tenants," which includes tenants under "Category 3" who have been required to vacate his or her rental unit by a public safety official due to fire ("Category 3 Displaced Tenant"). A Category 3 Displaced Tenant's preference for an affordable housing unit expired after 3 years from the date of the order to vacate. The Category 3 Displaced Tenant preference expired by operation of law on December 31, 2020.

Amendments to Current Law

The purpose of this ordinance is to eliminate the expiration of the preference for a Displaced Tenant under Category 3. In addition, this ordinance extends the time period from 3 years to 6 years for which a Category 3 Displaced Tenant may utilize the preference for an affordable housing unit. The ordinance is retroactive to January 1, 2021.

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