

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION

COMMITTEE: MVCC PLUM

TITLE: Squatting

PURPOSE: To review the current squatting procedures in Los Angeles and develop a method to clearly differentiate between illegal squatters and legal residents, ensuring the swift removal of illegal squatters from properties.

BACKGROUND: When an individual illegally establishes residence in a home or structure that does not belong to them, they are considered squatters and are afforded certain legal protections. This situation often prevents law enforcement from taking immediate action, leaving property owners to navigate a lengthy civil process. The burden of proof to determine the residency status of the alleged squatter is unfairly placed on the property owner. Currently, the city of Los Angeles lacks a clear and swift mechanism to distinguish between illegal squatters and legal tenants.

THE MOTION: The burden of proof to confirm the residency status of an illegal squatter is currently and unfairly placed on the property owner. The MVCC requests that the Council Office work with the City Attorney to develop a plan to swiftly differentiate between an illegal squatter and a legal resident, allowing for the quick removal of illegal squatters from properties.

Additionally, if a property owner has a squatter on their property who is causing a public nuisance and the owner fails to respond or correct the situation, the MVCC requests that the Council Office review the feasibility of holding the property owner responsible and compelling them to address the issue. Continued inaction should result in fines.

The MVCC requests that the Council Office report back on this issue within a reasonable timeframe.

DIRECTED TO: Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Traci Park & City Attorney Veronica De La Cruz

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC PLUM Committee Meeting, July 11th, 2024

Motion of support moved by MVCC Stephen Paddock, seconded by MVCC Carolyn Honda

Motion of support approved by MVCC PLUM COMMITTEE 09Y-00N-00A (Yes – Charlene Samiley, Kevin Wheeler, Carolyn Honda, Aaron, April Peterson, Dave Lebow, Jill, Sean Combs, Stephen Paddock)

MVCC Board Meeting, Month Day, 2024

Motion of support moved by MVCC _____, seconded by MVCC _____

Motion of support approved by the MVCC Board XXY-XXN-XXA