

City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Legislation Text

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181759 SUBSTITUTE 2

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A substitute ordinance relating to tenants, landlords and lead-poisoning nuisances in rented domiciles.

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This ordinance provides that no landlord can constructively evict a tenant for seeking city services to address lead-poisoning nuisances in rented domiciles, or cooperating with the city to investigate or abate lead-poisoning nuisances.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

- Part. 1: Section 66-22-3 to 14 of the code is renumbered 66-22-4 to 15.
- Part. 2: Section 66-22-3 of the code is created to read:

66-22. Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Regulations.

- **3.** EVICTION OR RETALIATION PROHIBITED. a. No landlord shall terminate a tenancy or give notice preventing the automatic renewal of a lease, or constructively evict a tenant who is in compliance with the terms and conditions of a lease of tenancy by any means including the termination or substantial reduction of heat, water or electricity to the dwelling unit, in retaliation against a tenant because the tenant has, within the prior 12 months:
- a-1. Sought advice or services to guard household members from exposure to suspected or known lead-based nuisances in a rented domicile.
- a-2. Cooperated with city representatives investigating possible lead-based nuisances or abating lead-based nuisances in a rented domicile.

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- a-3. Arranged the abatement of known lead-based nuisances in a rented domicile.
- b. Any person who violates this subchapter shall be liable upon conviction to a Class J penalty under s. 61-16. Each and every act of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Legislative R	eference Bureau	
Date:		

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

Office of the City Attorney
Date:

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