

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: February 23, 2021

ITEM NUMBER: 9.H

SECOND READING:

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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

PRESENTED BY:

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

Approve Letter To Governor Polis From The Boulder County Consortium Of Cities Regarding Actions To Ensure Housing Stability For Colorado Residents Impacted By The Pandemic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

During its February 9 regular meeting, City Council authorized staff to bring forth a proposed letter to Governor Polis from the Boulder County Consortium of Cities for Council consideration and action on February 23, 2021. At the Consortium's February 3, 2021 meeting, Consortium members discussed the need for Governor Polis to take additional actions (by extending and expanding existing executive orders) to enhance housing stability for Colorado residents impacted by the pandemic. Specifically, the Consortium asked for the following protections:

- Extend or make permanent the executive order D 2020 101 requiring landlords to give tenants a 30-day Demand for Compliance notice, rather than the current statutory 10-day Demand for Compliance, when the compliance breach is non-payment of rent, before filing an eviction case in court. The Consortium also suggested that information be provided in English and Spanish, or the first language of the renter, as reasonably feasible, and include information regarding financial assistance, community mediation, legal representation or other resources supporting housing stability, as available.
- Extend the state moratorium on fees or penalties for late rent payments for COVID-19 impacted tenants or cap late fees to a reasonable percentage (e.g., 2%-5%) of monthly rents.
- Reinstate the eviction moratorium in Colorado, to complement and support the national moratorium imposed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Attached is the proposed letter from the Consortium of Cities for Council's consideration and requested approval.

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COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve letter to Governor Polis from the Consortium of Cities, and authorize the Mayor to sign this letter on behalf of the City of Longmont as a Consortium member should that be needed (in the event that any member fails to support this letter).
2. Disapprove the letter.
3. Provide other direction to staff.

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

The Consortium of Cities requests that Council approve the letter to Governor Polis from the Consortium of Cities, and authorize the Mayor to sign this letter on behalf of the City of Longmont as a Consortium member should that be needed.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Att 1 - Letter from the Boulder County Consortium of Cities