



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

DAWN M. JONES, CITY CLERK

HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

APRIL 24, 2023, 4:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Eli Wax, Karen White, Troy Warner, Canneth Lee, Rachel Tomas Morgan

Committee Members Absent:

Desmont Upchurch

Petitioners:

Sheil Niezgodski

Agenda:

Bill No. 14-23 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Adding Article 15, Sections 6-94 through 6-108 Inclusive, to Require landlords and Tenants to Participate in Bed Bug Remediation

Bill No. 20-23 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the South Bend Municipal Code by Rescinding and Replacing Article 14 Titled Rental Safety Verification Program

Members marked with an asterisk (*) are present digitally

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=364385>

Committee Chair Eli Wax called to order the Health and Public Safety Committee meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Bill No. 14-23 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Adding Article 15, Sections 6-94 through 6-108 Inclusive, to Require Landlords and Tenants to Participate in Bed Bug Remediation

Committee member Rachel Tomas Morgan motioned to table Bill No. 14-23 indefinitely, seconded by Committee member Warner, and carried by a vote of five (5) ayes, with one (1) committee member absent.

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| Committee Chair Eli Wax - Aye | Vice-Chair Karen White - Aye |
| Committee member Troy Warner - Aye | Committee member Canneth Lee - Aye |
| Committee member Rachel Tomas Morgan - Aye | Citizen member Desmont Upchurch – Absent |



Bill No. 14-23 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the South Bend Municipal Code by Rescinding and Replacing Article 14 Titled Rental Safety Verification Program

Shiela Niezgodski, South Bend Common Council Vice President, 4942 Scenic Drive, South Bend, IN 46619, noted that this was passed in 2019, but it needed to be evaluated after implementation to see what was working. The language has been clarified. There were changes to align this with state laws. Definitions were solidified. It was requested that the capitalization of a sub-article be clarified. There was discussion regarding the bed bug ordinance fitting into this Bill. It was confirmed that this does address infestations but is not specific to how it is addressed. There was discussion regarding bed bug inspectors and issues with moving personal property in units. Councilmember Davis asked if there is enough staff to follow through with bed bug inspections. It was noted that there would need to be an increase in staff, which is challenging. There is a desire within the City to be proactive regarding bed bugs.

Committee Chair Wax held the public hearing.

Kathy Schuth, Executive Director with offices on the fourteenth (14th) floor of the County-City building, noted that the Near Northwest Neighborhood supports this, Bill.

Committee Vice-Chair White motioned to accept a Substitute for Bill No. 14-23, seconded by Committee member Warner, and carried by a vote of five (5) ayes, with one (1) committee member absent.

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| Committee Chair Eli Wax - Aye | Vice-Chair Karen White - Aye |
| Committee member Troy Warner - Aye | Committee member Canneth Lee - Aye |
| Committee member Rachel Tomas Morgan - Aye | Citizen member Desmond Upchurch – Absent |

Committee member Tomas Morgan motioned to send Substitute Bill No. 14-23 to the Committee of the Whole with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair White, and carried by a vote of five (5) ayes, with one (1) committee member absent.

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| Committee Chair Eli Wax - Aye | Vice-Chair Karen White - Aye |
| Committee member Troy Warner - Aye | Committee member Canneth Lee - Aye |
| Committee member Rachel Tomas Morgan - Aye | Citizen member Desmond Upchurch – Absent |

With no further business, Committee Chair Wax adjourned the Health and Public Safety Committee meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eli Wax, Committee Chair

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