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Back-up for Charitable Landlords

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Subject: Necessity of landlord license fees to be paid for charitable landlords

Hi All –

I just got off the phone with Pastor Arnold Nelson (373-5610), who lives in the Atrium but rents his home to a single mother of two kids at a very small monthly fee. He does this as a charitable act, to help someone who might otherwise be in a much worse housing condition.

He asked whether a landlord license fee made sense in a case where the landlord is really acting in a charitable manner. The current ordinance does require this, but I told him I would ask that we refer this issue to the Community Development committee to consider having an offset of fees (perhaps with general fund replacement if required by law) for those who are housing people in need at a reduced amount. My own guess is that we would need to still track and regulate these rental properties to ensure good housing conditions are maintained, and we would perhaps need a form or process to request a fee waiver for charitable purposes.

Kurt, could you put this on the next agenda and have the clerk's staff notify Pastor Arnold Nelson of when the community development meeting will be held to be sure he has a chance to speak to the item?

Thanks,

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