

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 26 - 2024

MARCH 20, 2024

AN ORDINANCE

Amending §455-139B(6) of the Property Rehabilitation and Maintenance Code, Article XVIII, Licensing Residential Rental Units, Owner and Occupant duties, to remove the requirement that multiple disruptive conduct reports filed within a twenty-four (24) time period count as a single disruptive conduct report.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Chapter 455, subsection 455-139B(6) is amended as follows:

(6) The content of the disruptive conduct report shall count against all occupants of the residential rental unit. ~~More than one disruptive conduct report filed against the occupants of a residential rental unit in a twenty four hour period shall count as a single disruptive conduct report for the purpose of the preceding subsection.~~ The Department of Community and Economic Development shall maintain a list of the names of all occupants evicted as a result of the preceding subsection. The names shall remain on the list for a period of five years

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from?

This originated in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This legislation will eliminate the 24 hour wait time between Disruptive Conduct Reports (DCR).

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

This will allow the Allentown Police Department (APD) to issue DCRs as needed without the 24 hour wait time between them. For example, if APD receives a call at 7am for loud music from a rental property and they issue a DCR, they can issue another if at 2pm the music is again or still excessively loud.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

The benefits are that those effected by the disruption will not have to wait 24 hours for the disruption to stop. There are no apparent drawbacks to the change.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

The goals listed in Vision 2030 are designed to create a cleaner, healthier, safer city where businesses can prosper and people enjoy living. This is designed to create a more positive environment in which to live.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no financial impact to the city.

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

No

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This supports those residents of the city who want to enjoy their property and it supports the Allentown Police Department by preventing frequent calls back to the same reported nuisance.