



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

January 9, 2024

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AGENDA ITEM

24-009 - Resolution to Request Board of Health Implement Winter Eviction Moratorium

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas many cities and countries prohibit evictions between November 1 and March 31 due to the winter cold that puts lives in danger; and

Whereas Massachusetts has yet to implement a statewide policy to protect families from becoming unhoused and put out on the street in dangerously cold weather; and

Whereas over 1,200 households were evicted in Massachusetts in the winter of 2022-2023; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we request that the Board of Health declare an annual state of emergency and implement an eviction moratorium each winter to protect the health and safety of residents who face potentially fatal illness if evicted during the winter.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None