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Subject: RENTAL INSPECTION PROGRAM AND FEES

City Clerk: Please include my comments below in each city council person's file for their consideration pertaining to the new proposed Rental Inspection Program on the agenda for the city council meeting today.

City Council Members: Why are we just hearing of the proposed Rental Inspection Program today (08/02/2021) on the day of the hearing? I would think interested parties would have been notified well in advance of the hearing. As a rental property owner in the City of Merced, I strongly oppose this legislation as unnecessary and costly. The fees and other costs charged by the city will almost certainly be passed along to the tenants. How does this help anyone? In addition, section 8 already does annual inspections for which there is no charge to tenants or landlords. Under what authority does the city impose increased taxes on landlords and tenants? We DO NOT need further layers of bureaucracy and further interference in property owners' rights. The eviction moratoriums (which really amount to free rent as everyone knows the tenant will just move out when the moratorium is lifted) are bad enough and an illegal seizure of property owners' rights. Now more control of property rights is NOT justified. We strongly urge the Merced City Council to discard this proposed ordinance. It's getting to where folks don't want to, and in some cases can no longer afford to, own and maintain rental property in Merced. Stop with the 'money grabs'!

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