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Website To Display Three Years of Eviction Records

In Franklin County, citizens often experience difficulty when trying to obtain housing if they have previously been named a party in an eviction case. Additionally, due to the lack of personal identifiers such as social security numbers or birth dates, citizens with common names may be misidentified as having an eviction record. The Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office has heard from many citizens that the current broad search query available on its Website, hinders their ability to find housing. Even when an eviction case was dismissed, mistakenly filed, an agreement was reached or the tenant prevailed in the case, citizens are turned away. To assist those in need of affordable and safe housing, the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office announces that effective January 15TH, 2020 the Clerk's Website record search will display eviction records in accordance with our 3 year record retention schedule. Cases older than 3 years from the disposition of the eviction case will no longer be viewable on the Clerk's Website. However, the complete history of eviction cases will remain on file at the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office.

"This change will assist citizens in accessing affordable and safe housing which is a priority for our community, while maintaining compliance with The Supreme Court of Ohio's Records Retention Schedule," said Clerk Lori M. Tyack. The Clerk's Office working in conjunction with the Franklin County Municipal Court, Columbus Women's Commission and Franklin County Commissioners have been discussing ways to curb the impact evictions have on our community. The Clerk's Office supports fair and accurate administration of these records, and anticipates that with this change, citizens will realize some relief from the long-term negative impact on access to housing.