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CLEVELAND HEIGHTS -- The city of Cleveland Heights plans to require low-income renters who get federal aid to attend classes on how to be a good tenant.

Mayor Ed Kelley says the class would include instructions on curfews, noise, pets and street parking. He wants the county housing authority to cut off rent payments if tenants don't attend.

Suburban officials say they're worried about a rise in crime and other problems associated with poverty.

Housing Authority Director George Phillips says he's studying the proposal but doesn't want Section Eight renters stigmatized.

Attorney Peter Iskin oversees housing cases for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. He says forcing low-income renters to go to the class may constitute discrimination and could violate their right to privacy.

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