
Housing Protection For Today and Tomorrow

Best practices for fair and just rent increase notification.

Seattle rents have increased **57%** in the last six years alone.



Rent Hikes Displace Seattleites

For a rent increase of less than 10% Seattleites receive no more than a 30 day notice. For an increase of 10% or more they receive a minimum of 60 days notice.

But is that enough time to move or increase income?

Rent Hike Notice Laws Unjust

Our current rent hike notification laws leaves marginalized communities vulnerable.

- 30 days notice is not enough time to find housing in a competitive market.
- Landlords incentivized to economically evict “undesirable” tenants.
- Month-to-month options are unaffordable due to premium fees.

Seattle residents pay an average rent of **\$1,731**.

A minimum wage employee working 40 hours a week and earning \$15/hr would need to commit **72%** of their income to rent just to remain housed.



Seattle Falls Behind

Seattle hasn't addressed rent increase notifications in **20 years**. While other North American cities quickly move to protect affordable housing, stop displacement, and prevent homelessness caused by economic eviction, Seattle has failed to act and give renters the time they need to respond to rent increases.

City	Notification
Tacoma, WA	60 days
Portland, OR	90 days
Vancouver, BC	90 days
Montreal, QC	180 days

Time Is Critical

Seattle renters deserve more time to respond to rent increases. We propose that renters receive **180** days to respond to rent increases.



One Rent Increase Can Impoverish

Even a rent increase of 10%
can cost the average
tenant an additional
\$2,000 a year.





Resources

- Legislative Links To Rent Notification Law in North American Cities:
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Bx-sX6tfpEk8QVMVpTiPOLxKA_zQtoeVCv-gzFD_mIU/edit?usp=sharing



Questions?