



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 119619

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to notices to residential rental tenants; requiring certain notices to contain a reference to City landlord-tenant information and resources; and amending Section 22.206.180 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Herbold

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments: Summary and Fiscal Note

Drafter: bonita.chinn@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

Yes

No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	08/06/2019	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	08/08/2019	sent for review	Council President's Office			
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office							
1	Council President's Office	08/29/2019	sent for review	Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee			
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee							

Legislative Summary Continued (CB 119619)

- 1 City Council 09/09/2019 referred Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee
- 1 Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee 09/10/2019 discussed
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was discussed.
- 1 Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee 09/24/2019 pass Pass
Action Text: The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).
In Favor: 2 Chair Herbold, Member O'Brien
Opposed: 0
- 1 City Council 09/30/2019 passed Pass
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:
In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Pacheco, Councilmember Sawant
Opposed: 0
- 1 City Clerk 10/03/2019 submitted for Mayor's signature Mayor
- 1 Mayor 10/04/2019 Signed
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Signed.
- 1 Mayor 10/11/2019 returned City Clerk
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned. to the City Clerk
- 1 City Clerk 10/11/2019 attested by City Clerk
Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.
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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125952

COUNCIL BILL 119619

AN ORDINANCE relating to notices to residential rental tenants; requiring certain notices to contain a reference to City landlord-tenant information and resources; and amending Section 22.206.180 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the rental relationship between landlords and tenants requires clear communication and knowledge of rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, in September 2018, the Seattle Women’s Commission and the King County Bar Association jointly published *Losing Home: The Human Cost of Eviction in Seattle*, finding that families who are evicted face material hardships that make it more difficult to secure safe and affordable housing and that the most disadvantaged groups face the highest likelihood of eviction; and

WHEREAS, lack of information on tenant rights, responsibilities, and supportive resources may increase the likelihood of an eviction; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 22.206.180 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125054, is amended as follows:

22.206.180 Prohibited acts by owners

Except as otherwise specifically required or allowed by this Title 22 or by the Washington State Residential Landlord-Tenant Act, chapter 59.18 RCW, it is unlawful for any owner to:

* * *

K. Issue a notice to terminate tenancy, increase housing costs, or enter a unit unless that notice contains a reference on how to access information on the rights and obligations of tenants

1 and landlords. The reference language on the notices shall be adopted by the Seattle Department
2 of Construction and Inspections by rule.

3 Section 2. If any section or subsection of the Seattle Municipal Code affected by this
4 ordinance is amended by ordinance without reference to amendments made by this ordinance,
5 each ordinance shall be given effect to the extent that the amendments do not conflict in purpose,
6 and the code reviser may publish the section or subsection in the official code with all
7 amendments incorporated therein.

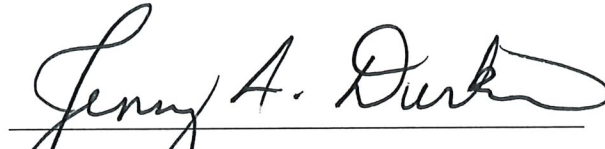
1 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 30th day of September, 2019,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 30th day of
6 September, 2019.

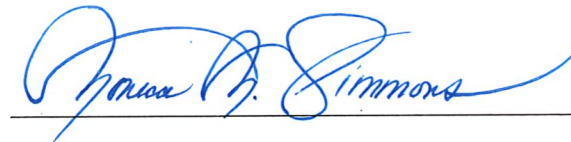
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8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this 4th day of October, 2019.

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11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 11th day of OCTOBER, 2019.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

15 (Seal)

