



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to residential rent payments; requiring receipts and non-electronic payment options; and amending Section 7.24.030 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

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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	08/06/2019	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							

- 1 City Council 09/09/2019 referred Civil Rights,
Utilities,
Economic
Development, and
Arts Committee
- 1 Civil Rights, Utilities, 09/10/2019 discussed
Economic Development,
and Arts Committee
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was discussed.
- 1 Civil Rights, Utilities, 09/24/2019 pass Pass
Economic Development,
and Arts Committee
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
Mayor's signature
- 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 125953

COUNCIL BILL 119620

AN ORDINANCE relating to residential rent payments; requiring receipts and non-electronic payment options; and amending Section 7.24.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the rental relationship between landlords and tenants requires clear communication and documentation of transactions, including payment of rent; 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, disputes about rent payment are one cause of eviction proceedings; and

WHEREAS, requirements for payment of rent through electronic banking can place a burden and cost on tenants; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 7.24.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125558, is amended as follows:

7.24.030 Rental agreement requirements

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E. Any rental agreement entered into after (~~the effective date of the ordinance introduced as Council Bill 118817~~) January 15, 2017 shall describe the terms and conditions of any monthly or periodic payments required as a condition of tenancy, including but not limited to: rent, security deposits, non-refundable move-in fee, last month's rent, utility payments, parking

1 fees, late fees authorized by the rental agreement, or other monthly or periodic payments
2 required to be made by the tenant to the landlord. When any monthly or periodic payment is
3 made pursuant to the rental agreement, the landlord shall first apply the payment to the rent due
4 before applying it to other payments due by the tenant to the landlord, except that if the payment
5 is made in response to a notice issued pursuant to RCW 59.12.030 during the period of that
6 notice, the landlord shall first apply the payment to the amount specified in that notice, before
7 applying it to the rent due or to other payments due by the tenant to the landlord. The landlord
8 shall:

9 1. Provide a receipt for any payment made by a tenant in the form of cash.

10 2. Provide, upon the request of a tenant, a written receipt for any payments made
11 by the tenant in a form other than cash.

12 3. Provide the option for payment of housing costs and other costs and fees by
13 cash, check, or other means that do not require electronic banking.

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

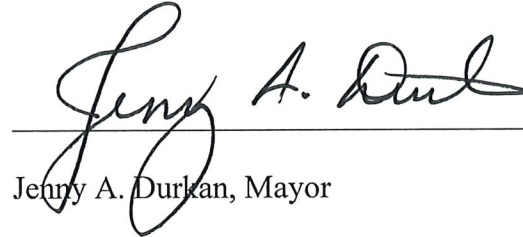
1 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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.

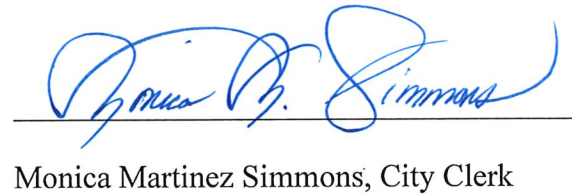
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8 President _____ of the City Council

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

10 
11 Jerry A. Durkan, Mayor

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

13 
14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

15 (Seal)

