

Amendment B Version 1 to CB 120325 – LEG RRIO Information and Data Collection ORD

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Technical and timing changes

Effect: This amendment would do two things.

First, this amendment would revise when the provisions requiring submission of information to the research university, the schedule upon which the information is submitted, and submission of certification to SDCI are effective. Rather than an effective date kicking in when the legislation itself is effective, the amendments would make these sections effective three months from the date the Executive department entering into the contract with the research university executes the contract. This would allow the research university to institute some infrastructure to collect the information submitted. It would also avoid putting property owners in the position of legally needing to comply with the new regulations but having no practical way to do so until a contract is executed and prevent SDCI having to enforce a requirement with which property owners have no ability to comply.

Second, it would add the sunset provisions already in the bill and applicable to new section 22.214.055 to the other new provisions of the bill to maintain consistency. To that effect, these amendments would sunset the requirement for certification to SDCI and the requirement to submit the information on the timeframe set out so that all parts of the bill pertaining to these submissions sunset at the same time.

Amend section 2 of CB 120325 as follows:

22.214.040 Rental housing registration, compliance declaration, and renewals

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G. An application for a rental housing registration shall be made to the Department on forms provided by the Director. The application shall include, but is not limited to:

1. The address of the property;
2. The name, address, and telephone number of the property owners;

3. The name, address, and telephone number of the registration applicant if different from the property owners;

4. The name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity the tenant is to contact when requesting repairs be made to their rental housing unit, and the contact person's business relationship to the owner;

5. A list of all rental housing units on the property, identified by a means unique to each unit, that are or may be available for rent at any time;

6. Effective three months from the date the contract described in subsection 22.214.055.C is executed, aA declaration of compliance from the owner or owner's agent, declaring that the owner or owner's agent has provided to the research university selected by the Office of Planning and Community Development or other office within the Executive Department, pursuant to Chapter 20.50, the information required for submission by Section 22.214.055. This subsection 22.214.040.G.6 shall expire on the date the next City of Seattle comprehensive plan update required by chapter 36.70A RCW is adopted, or on December 31, 2025, whichever is later.

((6.)) 7. A declaration of compliance from the owner or owner's agent, declaring that all housing units that are or may be available for rent are listed in the registration application and meet or will meet the standards in this Chapter 22.214 before the units are rented; and

((7.)) 8. A statement identifying whether the conditions of the housing units available for rent and listed on the application were established by declaration of the owner or owner's agent, or by physical inspection by a qualified rental housing inspector.

H. A rental housing registration must be renewed according to the following procedures:

1. A registration renewal application and the renewal fee shall be submitted before the current registration expires;
2. All information required by subsection 22.214.040.G shall be updated as needed, except that, effective three months from the date the contract described in subsection 22.214.055.C is executed, the information described in Section 22.214.055 shall be submitted by the owner at least twice annually by April 15 and by October 15 each year for information on the months of March and September of that same year, respectively. The requirement to submit information described in Section 22.214.055 shall expire on the date the next City of Seattle comprehensive plan update required by chapter 36.70A RCW is adopted, or on December 31, 2025, whichever is later; and ((,))
3. A new declaration as required by subsection 22.214.040.G.6 shall be submitted.

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22.214.055 Submission of rental housing information

A. Effective three months from the date the contract described in subsection 22.214.055.C is executed, the ~~The~~ property owner or owner's agent shall submit the following information to a research university selected by the Office of Planning and Community Development or other office within the Executive Department on the schedule set out in subsection 22.214.040.H.2:

1. The name of the property owner provided in subsection 22.214.040.G.2;
2. The address of the property containing the rental housing units provided in subsection 22.214.040.G.1;
3. The list of all rental housing units on the property required by subsection 22.214.040.G.5; and

4. For each rental housing unit:

a. Whether it is vacant or occupied;

b. The estimated net rentable square footage;

c. The number of bedrooms;

d. The number of bathrooms;

e. Information sufficient to ascertain the current housing costs, as defined in Section 22.204.090, charged monthly;

f. The amount and identity of utilities paid by the owner;

g. The prospective housing costs if the unit is physically vacant; and

h. If subject to a rental agreement, the current term of the rental agreement.

B. The information submitted to the research university or under this Section 22.214.055 shall not include the name(s) of the tenant(s).

C. The Office of Planning and Community Development or other office within the Executive Department will enter into a contract with the research university, directing it to use its unique expertise, including but not limited to its diverse array of academic resources, to sort, analyze, and report on this data to identify relevant displacement risks and rental housing market conditions for the City to use in policy and decision-making regarding housing.

D. This Section 22.214.055 shall expire on the date the next City of Seattle comprehensive plan update required by chapter 36.70A RCW is adopted, or on December 31, 2025, whichever is later.