



Legislative Department Seattle City Council Memorandum

Date: February 12, 2015
To: Members, Housing, Human Services, and Economic Resiliency Committee
From: Traci Ratzliff, Central Staff
Subject: Proposed legislation regarding the Rental Registration and Inspection (RRIO) Ordinance and evictions

On Thursday, February 19th, legislation being proposed by Council member Clark will be discussed at the Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency Committee.

The proposed legislation prohibits a rental property owner from evicting a tenant from a rental housing unit if the rental unit is not registered, as required, under the City's Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance (RRIO).

Under the City's RRIO, owners of rental properties must be registered with the City. The requirements of the RRIO are being phased in on the following schedule:

- Properties with 10 or more units must be registered by September 30, 2014
- Properties with 5 to 9 rental housing units must be registered by March 31, 2015
- Properties with 1 to 4 rental housing units must be registered between June 2015 and December 2016.

The proposed ordinance applies only to those rental units required to be registered, recognizing that with the phase in schedule of the RRIO, that some units will not be covered by this ordinance until as late as December 2016.

If you have questions about the proposed legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me at 4-8153.