

Proposed Amendment to CB 118516

Section 3. A new Section 22.210.136 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

**22.210.136 Rent increase to avoid application of Chapter 22.210**

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B. If a tenant has received notice of a rent increase of ten percent or more that the tenant believes is for the purpose of avoiding the application of this Chapter 22.210, and the tenant makes a complaint to the Director within one year of receiving the notice of the rent increase, the owner shall, within ten days of being notified by the Director of the complaint, complete and file a certification with the Director stating that the rent increase is not for the purpose of avoiding the application of this Chapter 22.210. The failure of the owner to complete and timely file the certification is a defense for the tenant in an eviction action based upon the tenant's failure to pay the increased rent.

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