



INTERIM RULE

Title: Mandatory Relocation Assistance Exemption Eligibility and Approval Process

Authority

In accordance with Portland City Code (“PCC”) 30.01.085, PHB is responsible for reviewing any required forms and documentation that are submitted by a Landlord claiming an exemption from the obligation to pay Relocation Assistance. Under Section 30.01.085.I, the Director of PHB, or a designee, is authorized to adopt, amend and repeal administrative rules to carry out and administer the provisions of PCC 30.01.085. Ordinance No. 188849 adopted by Portland City Council on March 7, 2017, authorizes PHB to, notwithstanding Portland Policy Document HOU-5.01, immediately develop and enact interim administrative rules to carry out and administer PCC 30.01.085.

PCC Provision:

30.01.085.G

After a Landlord completes and submits the required exemption reporting forms to PHB, the provisions of this Section 30.01.085 that pertain to Relocation Assistance do not apply to the following:

1. Rental Agreements for week-to-week tenancies;
2. Tenants that occupy the same Dwelling Unit as the Landlord;
3. Tenants that occupy one Dwelling Unit in a Duplex where the Landlord’s principal residence is the second Dwelling Unit in the same Duplex;
4. Tenants that occupy an Accessory Dwelling Unit that is subject to the Act in the City of Portland so long as the owner of the Accessory Dwelling Unit lives on the site;
5. a Landlord that temporarily rents out the Landlord's principal residence during the Landlord's absence of not more than 3 years;
6. a Landlord that temporarily rents out the Landlord’s principal residence during the Landlord’s absence due to active duty military service;
7. a Dwelling Unit where the Landlord is terminating the Rental Agreement in order for an immediate family member to occupy the Dwelling Unit;
8. a Dwelling Unit regulated as affordable housing by a federal, state or local government for a period of at least 60 years;
9. a Dwelling Unit that is subject to and in compliance with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970;
10. a Dwelling Unit rendered uninhabitable not due to the action or inaction of a Landlord or Tenant;
11. a Dwelling Unit rented for less than 6 months with appropriate verification of the submission of a demolition permit prior to the Tenant renting the Dwelling Unit.
12. a Dwelling Unit where the Landlord has provided a fixed term tenancy and notified the Tenant prior to occupancy, of the Landlord’s intent to sell or permanently convert the Dwelling Unit to a use other than as a Dwelling Unit subject to the Act.

A Landlord that authorizes a property manager that is subject to, and manages property in accordance with ORS 696, to manage only one Dwelling Unit, does not waive the one Dwelling Unit exemption as a result of the collective number of Dwelling Units managed by such a property manager. For purposes of the exemptions provided in this Subsection, “Dwelling Unit” is defined by PCC 33.910, and not by ORS 90.100. For purposes of the exemptions provided in this Subsection, “Accessory Dwelling Unit” is defined by PCC 33.205. For purposes of the exemptions provided in this Subsection, “Duplex” is defined by PCC 33.910.

30.01.085.I

In carrying out the provisions of this Section 30.01.085, the Director of PHB, or a designee, is authorized to adopt, amend and repeal administrative rules to carry out and administer the provisions of this Section 30.01.085.

Adoption

As provided in PCC 30.01.085 and Ordinance 188849, the Director of the Portland Housing Bureau hereby adopts the administrative rules attached hereto.

Adopted: Signed copy on file at the Housing Bureau
Shannon Callahan, Director

March 8, 2018

Administrative Rule

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I. Purpose and Scope

Under PCC 30.01.085 Landlords in the City of Portland are required to pay their Tenant Relocation Assistance if their Tenant is displaced due to non-renewal of lease on substantially the same terms, a rent increase 10% or more over a rolling 12-month period, or no cause eviction. Section 30.01.085.G outlines twelve scenarios under which a Landlord could claim an exemption from the obligation to pay Relocation Assistance. These administrative rules specify the process by which a Landlord may claim an exemption.

II. Definitions

Natural Person—a human being as distinguished from a person (as a corporation) created by operation of law.

III. Exemption Eligibility and Approval Process

A Landlord is only exempt from mandatory relocation assistance requirements as outlined in Portland City Code the Landlord meets the following requirements:

1. meet the criteria for an exemption listed in Section 30.01.085.G;
2. file the required form(s) with the Portland Housing Bureau (“PHB”)
3. receive an acknowledgment letter from PHB (the “Acknowledgement Letter”)
4. Provides a copy of the exemption Acknowledgement Letter to the Tenant prior to:
 - a. Issuing an Increase Notice;
 - b. Issuing a Termination Notice;
 - c. Declining to renew or replace an expiring Rental Agreement; or
 - d. Declining to renew or replace an expiring Rental Agreement on substantially the same terms except for the amount of Rent or Associated Housing Costs.

The following are the required forms for each of the exemptions in Section 30.01.085.G. The Acknowledgement for the listed exemptions expires after a Landlord uses the exemption to do the following unless otherwise specified:

- Issuing an Increase Notice;
- Issuing a Termination Notice;
- Declining to renew or replace an expiring Rental Agreement; or
- Declining to renew or replace an expiring Rental Agreement on substantially the same terms except for the amount of Rent or Associated Housing Costs.

Exemption	Required Form	Additional Stipulations
1. Rental Agreement for week-to-week tenancies	<i>A Landlord is not required to submit a REA form for this exemption.</i>	
2. Tenants that occupy the same Dwelling Unit as the Landlord	<i>A Landlord is not required to submit a REA form for this exemption.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This exemption stands as long as the Landlord uses the exempted Dwelling Unit as their principal residence.

<p>3. Tenants that occupy one Dwelling Unit in a Duplex where the Landlord's principal residence is the second Dwelling Unit in the same Duplex</p>	<p>Relocation Assistance Exemption (REA) Form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This exemption stands as long as the Landlord uses the exempted Dwelling Unit as their principal residence. • For Rental Agreements beginning after March 8, 2018 the Landlord must provide the Acknowledgement Letter to the Tenant prior to the Tenant renting the Dwelling Unit
<p>4. Tenants that occupy an Accessory Dwelling Unit that is subject to the Act in the City of Portland so long as the owner of the Accessory Dwelling Unit lives on the site</p>	<p>Relocation Assistance Exemption (REA) Form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This exemption stands as long as the Landlord uses the exempted Dwelling Unit as their principal residence. • For Rental Agreements beginning after March 8, 2018 the Landlord must provide the Acknowledgement Letter to the Tenant prior to the Tenant renting the Dwelling Unit
<p>5. A Landlord that temporarily rents out the Landlord's principal residence during the Landlord's absence of not more than 3 years</p>	<p>Relocation Assistance Exemption (REA) Form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Landlord may not file for this exemption more than once a year • A Landlord must move into the Dwelling Unit within 60 days of the Tenant moving out. The Dwelling Unit becomes the Landlord's principal residence. • This exemption <u>only</u> applies if the Landlord is issuing a No Cause Eviction • For Rental Agreements beginning after March 8, 2018 the Landlord must provide the Acknowledgement Letter to the Tenant prior to the Tenant renting the Dwelling Unit
<p>6. A Landlord that temporarily rents out the Landlord's principal residence during the Landlord's absence due to active duty military service</p>	<p>Relocation Assistance Exemption (REA) Form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Landlord must move into the Dwelling Unit within 60 days of the Tenant moving out. The Dwelling Unit becomes the Landlord's principal residence. • This exemption <u>only</u> applies if the Landlord is issuing a No Cause Eviction

<p>7. A Dwelling Unit where the Landlord is terminating the Rental Agreement in order for an immediate family member to occupy the Dwelling Unit;</p>	<p>Relocation Assistance Exemption (REA) Form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Landlord may not file for this exemption more than once a year. • When the exemption is acknowledged the Landlord may not rent the Dwelling Unit outside the designated immediate family member for the year. • The Landlord must be a natural person to claim this exemption • The designated immediate family member must move into the Dwelling Unit within 60 days of the Tenant moving out. The Dwelling Unit becomes the immediate family member's principal residence. • This exemption <u>only</u> applies if the Landlord is issuing a No Cause Eviction • This exemption <u>only</u> applies to a Landlord with an ownership interest in 4 or less units.
<p>8. A Dwelling Unit regulated as affordable housing by a federal, state or local government for a period of at least 60 years</p>	<p><i>A Landlord is not required to submit a REA form for this exemption</i></p>	
<p>9. A Dwelling Unit that is subject to and in compliance with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970</p>	<p><i>A Landlord is not required to submit a REA form for this exemption.</i></p>	
<p>10. A Dwelling Unit rendered uninhabitable not due to the action or inaction of a Landlord or Tenant</p>	<p><i>A Landlord is not required to submit a REA form for this exemption.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwelling Units rendered immediately uninhabitable due to events including, but not limited to: natural (such as flood or fire) and man-made disasters (such as natural gas explosions) are considered under this exemption.
<p>11. A Dwelling Unit rented for less than 6 months with appropriate verification of the submission of a demolition permit prior to the Tenant renting the Dwelling Unit.</p>	<p>Relocation Assistance Exemption (REA) Form</p>	

<p>12. A Dwelling Unit where the Landlord has provided a fixed term tenancy and notified the Tenant prior to occupancy, of the Landlord's intent to sell or permanently convert the Dwelling Unit to a use other than as a Dwelling Unit subject to the Act</p>	<p>Relocation Assistance Exemption (REA) Form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Landlord must convert the use of the Dwelling Unit to a use other than as a Dwelling Unit within 60 days of the Tenant moving out • This exemption <u>only</u> applies if the Landlord is issuing a No Cause Eviction
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IV. Responsibility

PHB Bureau is responsible for managing and implementing this rule.

V. History

Date adopted: **March 8, 2018**

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