



Tenant Relocation Assistance

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OVERVIEW



- Included in proposed TMC 1.95 Rental Housing Code
- RCW 59.18.440 requires assistance when vacated for change of use, substantial rehabilitation, demolition etc.
- 4 months notice
- \$2,000 per qualified unit
- 50/50 cost split City/Landlord
- Eligibility: low income

OVERVIEW



- Possible relocation expenses incurred in City of Tacoma
 - Actual physical moving costs
 - Advanced move in payments required
 - Utility fees
 - Anticipated additional costs 1 year after relocation

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BACKGROUND



In response to changing rental housing market and several issues surrounding low income tenants being unexpectedly displaced

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● ● ● STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETINGS



- Rental Housing Association of Washington
- Washington Landlord Association
- Washington Multi-Family Housing Association
- National Association of Residential Property Managers
- A small “mom and pop” landlord

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● ● ● OUTREACH



- Public Hearing – October 2, 2018
- 3 month outreach period if approved by City Council
- Education plan:
 - Information sessions across the City
 - Mailers to Tenants and Landlords and utility bill insert–FAQ
 - Information on webpage
 - Partnership with Housing Authorities and Landlord Associations

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NEXT STEPS



- Council Committee Review – September 27, 2018
- City Council Consideration – TBA
- Ordinance Effective Date- proposed February 1, 2019
- Additional Education & Outreach – estimated early February and ongoing

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