



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

October 2, 2018

SUBJECT

Proposed Tenant Relocation Assistance to be included in the proposed Rental Housing Code

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL

Currently, the City does not require landlords to pay tenant relocation assistance in the event the landlord demolishes, substantially rehabilitates, or changes the use of residential property, or when the use restrictions in an assisted-housing development are removed. State law (RCW 59.18.440) authorizes the tenant relocation assistance requirement and the City is proposing to impose this new tenant relocation assistance requirement in the amount of \$2,000 per qualified dwelling unit.

Before the City can impose this tenant relocation assistance requirement, state law requires a public hearing for public testimony on what relocation expenses displaced tenants would reasonably incur in that jurisdiction, including:

- Actual physical moving costs and expenses;
- Advance payments required for moving into a new residence, such as the cost of first and last month's rent and security and damage deposits;
- Utility connection fees and deposits; and
- Anticipated additional rent and utility costs in the residence for one year after relocation.

For additional information please contact M'Balu Bangura, Risk Analyst, Office of Equity and Human Rights, at 253-591-5162.