# Enrolled Senate Bill 491

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CHAPTER	
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#### AN ACT

Relating to residential rental dwellings in foreclosure; creating new provisions; amending ORS 86.745, 86.755, 90.300, 105.124 and 105.126; and declaring an emergency.

# Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

**SECTION 1.** ORS 86.745, as amended by sections 1 and 2, chapter 28, Oregon Laws 2010, is amended to read:

86.745. The notice of sale shall:

- (1) List the names of the grantor, trustee and beneficiary in the trust deed, and the mailing address of the trustee.
  - (2) Describe the property the trust deed covers.
  - (3) Identify the book and page of the mortgage records that record the trust deed.
  - (4) State the default for which the foreclosure is made.
  - (5) State the sum owing on the obligation that the trust deed secures.
  - (6) State that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligation.
  - (7) Set forth the date, time and place of the sale.
- (8) State that the right exists under ORS 86.753 to have the proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying the entire amount then due, together with costs, trustee's fees and attorney fees, and by curing any other default complained of in the notice of default, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale.
- (9) If the property includes one or more dwelling units[, as defined in ORS 90.100] that are subject to ORS chapter 90, include a notice addressed clearly to any [person] individual who occupies the property and who is or might be a residential tenant. The notice required under this subsection must:
- (a) Include contact information for the Oregon State Bar and a person or organization that provides legal help to individuals at no charge to the individual;
- (b) Include information concerning the right the [person] **individual** has to notice under ORS 86.755 **(6)(c)** [(5)(c) and state that the person may have additional rights under federal law];
  - (c) Be set apart from other text in the notice of sale; and

	(d) Be in substantially the following form:
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#### NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS

The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Unless the lender who is foreclosing on this property is paid, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property.

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The following information applies to you only if you occupy and rent this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a residential tenant.

If the foreclosure goes through, the business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale has the right to require you to move out. The buyer must first give you an eviction notice in writing that specifies the date by which you must move out. The buyer may not give you this notice until after the foreclosure sale happens. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the buyer can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing.

# FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES YOU TO BE NOTIFIED

IF YOU ARE OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNDER A LEGITIMATE RENTAL AGREEMENT, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THE BUYER TO GIVE YOU NOTICE IN WRITING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF DAYS BEFORE THE BUYER CAN REQUIRE YOU TO MOVE OUT. THE FEDERAL LAW THAT REQUIRES THE BUYER TO GIVE YOU THIS NOTICE IS EFFECTIVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2012. Under federal law, the buyer must give you at least 90 days' notice in writing before requiring you to move out. If you are renting this property under a fixed-term lease (for example, a six-month or one-year lease), you may stay until the end of your lease term. If the buyer wants to move in and use this property as the buyer's primary residence, the buyer can give you written notice and require you to move out after 90 days, even if you have a fixed-term lease with more than 90 days left.

# STATE LAW NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

IF THE FEDERAL LAW DOES NOT APPLY, STATE LAW STILL REQUIRES THE BUYER TO GIVE YOU NOTICE IN WRITING BEFORE REQUIRING YOU TO MOVE OUT IF YOU ARE OCCUPYING AND RENTING THE PROPERTY AS A TENANT IN GOOD FAITH. EVEN IF THE FEDERAL LAW REQUIREMENT IS NO LONGER EFFECTIVE AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2012, THE REQUIREMENT UNDER STATE LAW STILL APPLIES TO YOUR SITUATION. Under state law, if you have a fixed-term lease (for example, a six-month or one-year lease), the buyer must give you at least 60 days' notice in writing before requiring you to move out. If the buyer wants to move in and use this property as the buyer's primary residence, the buyer can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even if you have a fixed-term lease with more than 30 days left.

If you are renting under a month-to-month or week-to-week rental agreement, the buyer must give you at least 30 days' notice in writing before requiring you to move out.

## ABOUT YOUR SECURITY DEPOSIT

Under state law, you may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord.

ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out. You should contact the buyer to discuss that possibility if you would like to stay. Under state law, if the buyer accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the buyer becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise, the buyer is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf and you must move out by the date the buyer specifies in a notice to you.

YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD TO ANOTHER BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL OR UNTIL A COURT OR A LENDER TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. AS EXPLAINED ABOVE, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO APPLY A DEPOSIT YOU MADE OR PREPAID RENT YOU PAID AGAINST YOUR CURRENT RENT OBLIGATION. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE AND OF ANY NOTICE YOU GIVE OR RECEIVE CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF YOUR DEPOSIT OR YOUR PREPAID RENT.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR HOME WITHOUT FIRST GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice.

#### NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS

The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place.

The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant.

If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing.

# PROTECTION FROM EVICTION

IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR:

- THE REMAINDER OF YOUR FIXED TERM LEASE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR
- $\bullet$  AT LEAST 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE.

If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 90 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 90 days left.

You must be provided with at least 90 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move.

A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement:

- Is the result of an arm's-length transaction;
- Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and
  - Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

# ABOUT YOUR TENANCY

## BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE:

## RENT

YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE.

#### SECURITY DEPOSIT

You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord.

# ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE

The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 90 days or at the end of your fixed term lease. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise:

- You do not owe rent;
- The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and
  - You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you.

The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 90 days or before your fixed term lease expires. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice.

#### **SECTION 2.** ORS 86.755 is amended to read:

86.755. (1) The trustee shall hold the trustee's sale on the date and at the time and place designated in the notice of sale[, which must be at a designated time after 9 a.m. and before 4 p.m., based on the standard of time set forth in ORS 187.110 and at a designated place in the county or one of the counties where the property is situated]. The designated time of the trustee's sale must be after 9 a.m. and before 4 p.m., based on the standard of time set forth in ORS 187.110, and the designated place of the trustee's sale must be in the county or one of the counties in which the property is situated. The trustee may sell the property in one parcel or in separate parcels and shall sell the parcel or parcels at auction to the highest bidder for cash. Any person, including the beneficiary under the trust deed, but excluding the trustee, may bid at the trustee's sale. The attorney for the trustee, or an agent that the trustee or the attorney designates, may conduct the sale and act in the sale as the trustee's auctioneer.

- (2) The trustee or the attorney for the trustee, or an agent that the trustee or the attorney conducting the sale designates, may postpone the sale for one or more periods totaling not more than 180 days from the original sale date, giving notice of each adjournment by public proclamation made at the time and place set for sale. The trustee, the attorney or an agent that the trustee or the attorney designates may make the proclamation.
- (3) The purchaser shall pay at the time of sale the price bid, and, within 10 days following payment, the trustee shall execute and deliver the trustee's deed to the purchaser.
- (4) The trustee's deed shall convey to the purchaser the interest in the property that the grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time the grantor executed the trust deed, together with any interest the grantor or the grantor's successors in interest acquire after the execution of the trust deed.
- (5)(a) If property purchased at the trustee's sale includes one or more dwelling units that are subject to ORS chapter 90, the purchaser must provide written notice of change in ownership to the occupants of each unit within 30 days after the date of sale and before or concurrently with service of a written termination notice authorized by subsection (6)(c)(B) of this section.
  - (b) The notice required by this subsection must:
- (A) Explain that the dwelling unit has been sold at a foreclosure sale and that the purchaser at that sale is the new owner.
  - (B) Include the date on which the foreclosure sale took place.
- (C) Include the name, contact address and contact telephone number of the purchaser or the purchaser's representative.
- (D) Provide information about the rights of bona fide residential tenants as provided in subsections (6)(c) and (e) and (9)(a) of this section.
- (E) Include contact information for the Oregon State Bar and a person or organization that provides legal help to individuals at no charge to the individual.
  - (c) The notice must be served by one or more of the following methods:
  - (A) Personal delivery to the tenant.
  - (B) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit.
- (C) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit and attachment of a second notice copy. The second notice copy must be attached in a secure manner to the main entrance to the portion of the premises in the possession of the tenant.
- (D) If the names of the tenants are not known to the purchaser, the notice may be addressed to "occupants."
- (d) A notice that contains the information required under paragraph (b)(B) and (C) of this subsection meets the requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection if the notice is in substantially the following form:

The property in which you are living has gone through foreclosure and was sold to a new owner on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The contact information for the new owner or the owner's representative is \_\_\_\_ (name, address, telephone number).

IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR:

- THE REMAINDER OF YOUR FIXED TERM LEASE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR
- AT LEAST 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE.

If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 90 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 90 days left.

You must be provided with at least 90 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move.

A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner), or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement:

- Is the result of an arm's-length transaction;
- Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and
  - Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.
     IMPORTANT:

YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE NEW OWNER OR THE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THIS NOTICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO LET THE NEW OWNER KNOW IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT. YOU SHOULD PROVIDE WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF YOUR RENTAL AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM RENTAL AGREEMENT OR LEASE WITH MORE THAN 90 DAYS LEFT. Written evidence of your rental agreement can be a copy of your lease or rental agreement, or other documentation of the existence of your rental agreement. Keep your original documents and a record of any information you give to the new owner.

# YOUR TENANCY

# BETWEEN NOW AND THE MOVE-OUT DATE

The new owner may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 90 days or at the end of your fixed term lease. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise:

- You do not owe rent;
- The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property;
   and
  - You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you.

The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 90 days or before your fixed term lease expires. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar

is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice.

[(5)(a)] (6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection, the purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day after the sale. A person that remains in possession after the 10th day under any interest, except an interest prior to the trust deed or an interest the grantor or a successor of the grantor created voluntarily is a tenant at sufferance. The purchaser may obtain possession of the property from a tenant at sufferance by following the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 or other applicable judicial procedure.

- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, at any time after the trustee's sale the purchaser may follow the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 or other applicable judicial procedure to obtain possession of the property from a person that holds possession under an interest that the grantor or a successor of the grantor created voluntarily if, not earlier than 30 days before the date first set for the sale, the person was served with not less than 30 days' written notice of the requirement to surrender or deliver possession of the property.
- [(c) If the property purchased at the trustee's sale is a dwelling unit, as defined in ORS 90.100 (9), that the person holds under a tenancy that the grantor or a successor of the grantor created voluntarily and in good faith, the purchaser may follow the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 or other applicable judicial procedure to obtain possession if after the sale the purchaser terminates the tenancy in a written notice given to the person:]
- [(A) At least 60 days before the termination date specified in the notice, if the tenancy is a fixed term tenancy, as defined in ORS 90.100, and at least 30 days before the date first set for the trustee's sale the person provided the trustee with a copy of the rental agreement that established the fixed term tenancy. The provisions of this subparagraph do not apply to a purchaser that does not intend to terminate a fixed term tenancy before the date on which the fixed term tenancy ends.]
  - [(B) At least 30 days before the termination date specified in the notice, if:]
- [(i) The tenancy is a month-to-month tenancy or week-to-week tenancy, as those terms are defined in ORS 90.100, and at least 30 days before the date first set for the trustee's sale the person provided the trustee with a copy of the rental agreement that established the tenancy or with other written evidence of the existence of a rental agreement, if the person cannot provide the rental agreement; or]
- [(ii) The tenancy is a fixed term tenancy for which the person has provided notice to the trustee as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and the purchaser intends to occupy the property that is subject to the fixed term tenancy as the purchaser's primary residence.]
- (c) If the property purchased at the trustee's sale includes a dwelling unit that is subject to ORS chapter 90 and an individual occupies the unit under a bona fide tenancy, the purchaser may obtain possession by following the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 and by using the complaint form provided in ORS 105.124 or 105.126:
- (A) Upon expiration of the fixed term of the tenancy, if the bona fide tenancy is a fixed term tenancy as defined in ORS 90.100; or
- (B) At least 90 days after service of a written termination notice if the bona fide tenancy is:
- (i) A fixed term tenancy and the purchaser intends to occupy, as the purchaser's primary residence, the dwelling unit that is subject to the fixed term tenancy; or
- (ii) A month-to-month tenancy or week-to-week tenancy, as those terms are defined in ORS 90.100.
- (d) If a purchaser gives a 90-day written termination notice pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection, the purchaser may include in the notice a request that a tenant with a fixed term tenancy provide written evidence of the existence of the tenancy to the purchaser at an address described in the notice. Written evidence includes a copy of the rental agreement or another document that shows the existence of the fixed term tenancy. Failure of

the tenant to provide the requested written evidence before the purchaser files an action for possession based on a 90-day notice:

- (A) Does not prevent the tenant from asserting the existence of the fixed term tenancy as a defense to the action.
- (B) Prevents the tenant from recovering prevailing party attorney fees or costs and disbursements pursuant to subsection (11)(b) of this section. The 90-day notice must describe the provisions of this paragraph.
- [(d)] (e) A purchaser may not commence a proceeding under ORS 105.105 to 105.168 that is authorized under this subsection before the later of:
  - (A) The 10th day after the trustee's sale;
- (B) The date specified in a written notice of the requirement to surrender or deliver possession of the property if the notice is required by and is given to the person in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection;
- (C) The date specified in a written notice of the purchaser's intent to terminate a tenancy if the notice is required by and is given to the person in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection; or
- (D) The date on which the term of a fixed term tenancy ends, if the property is a dwelling unit and the purchaser has not terminated the tenancy in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- (f) A purchaser seeking to obtain possession pursuant to ORS 105.105 to 105.168 must attach proof of service of a written termination notice required by paragraph (c) of this subsection to the pleadings.
- (g) In an action to obtain possession, violation of the procedures required by subsection (5) of this section or paragraph (c) of this subsection is a defense for a bona fide tenant seeking to retain possession.
- (h) As used in this subsection, "bona fide tenancy" means tenancy of a dwelling unit that is subject to ORS chapter 90 that results from an arm's-length transaction that occurred before the date of a foreclosure sale in which:
- (A) The mortgagor or the child, spouse or parent of the mortgagor under the contract is not the tenant; and
- (B) The rent required is not substantially less than fair market rent for the dwelling unit, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy.
  - [(e) For the purposes of this subsection:]
- [(A) A month-to-month tenancy or a week-to-week tenancy that a grantor or a successor of the grantor first created after a notice of sale was served under ORS 86.750 is presumed not to be a tenancy created in good faith.]
- [(B) A fixed term tenancy that a grantor or a successor of the grantor created after a notice of sale was served under ORS 86.750 is not a tenancy created in good faith.]
- [(6) A purchaser shall serve a notice under subsection (5) of this section by first class mail and not by certified or registered mail or a form of mail that may delay or hinder actual delivery of mail to the addressee. The notice is effective three days after the notice is mailed.]
- (7) A purchaser shall serve a notice under subsection (6) of this section by one or more of the following methods:
  - (a) Personal delivery to the tenant.
  - (b) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit.
- (c) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit and attachment of a second notice copy. The second notice copy must be attached in a secure manner to the main entrance to the portion of the premises in the possession of the tenant.
- (8) If the notice under subsection (6) of this section is served by mail pursuant to subsection (7)(b) of this section, the minimum period for compliance must be extended by three days and the notice must include the extension in the period stated in the notice.

- [(7)(a)] (9)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection [(5)(c)] (6)(c) of this section and except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the purchaser is not a landlord subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 90 unless the purchaser:
- (A) Accepts rent from the [person] **individual** who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection [(5)(c)] (6)(c) of this section;
- (B) Enters into a new rental agreement with the [person] **individual** who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection [(5)(c)] (6)(c) of this section; or
- (C) Fails to terminate the tenancy as provided in subsection [(5)(c)] (6)(c) of this section within 30 days after the date of the sale.
- (b) The purchaser may act as a landlord for purposes of terminating a tenancy in accordance with the provisions of ORS 90.396.
- (c) The purchaser is subject to the provisions of ORS 90.322, 90.375, 105.165, 659A.421 and 659A.425. The application of ORS 90.375 to a purchaser that does not become a landlord does not impose an affirmative duty to pay for or provide services. For the purpose of damages pursuant to this paragraph, "rent" refers to the amount paid by the tenant to the landlord for the right to occupy the unit before the foreclosure.

[(8)(a)] (10)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the purchaser is not liable to the [person] individual who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection [(5)(c)] (6)(c) of this section for:

- (A) Damage to the property or diminution in rental value; or
- (B) Returning a security deposit.
- (b) A purchaser that is a landlord under the provisions of subsection [(7)(a)] (9)(a) of this section is liable to the [person] individual who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection [(5)(c)] (6)(c) of this section for:
- (A) Damage to the property or diminution in rental value that occurs after the date of the trustee's sale; or
  - (B) Returning a security deposit the [person] individual pays after the date of the trustee's sale.
- (11)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection and notwithstanding an agreement to the contrary, in an action or defense arising pursuant to subsection (6)(c), (d), (f) or (g), (7) or (9)(c) of this section, reasonable attorney fees at trial and on appeal may be awarded to the prevailing party together with costs and disbursements.
- (b) If a tenant asserts a successful defense to an action for possession pursuant to subsection (6)(c), (d), (f) or (g) of this section, the tenant is not entitled to prevailing party fees, attorney fees or costs and disbursements if the purchaser:
- (A) Did not know, and did not have reasonable cause to know, of the existence of a fixed term tenancy when commencing the action for possession; and
- (B) Promptly dismissed the action upon becoming aware of the existence of a fixed term tenancy.
- (c) As used in this subsection, "prevailing party" means the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.
- [(9)(a)] (12)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, except when a beneficiary has participated in obtaining a stay, foreclosure proceedings that are stayed by order of the court, by proceedings in bankruptcy or for any other lawful reason shall, after release from the stay, continue as if uninterrupted, if within 30 days after release the trustee sends amended notice of sale by registered or certified mail to the last-known address of the persons listed in ORS 86.740 and 86.750 (1).
- (b) In addition to the notice required under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the trustee shall send amended notice of sale:
  - (A) By registered or certified mail to:
- (i) The address provided by each person who was present at the time and place set for the sale that was stayed; and
- (ii) The address provided by each member of the Oregon State Bar who by registered or certified mail requests the amended notice of sale and includes with the request the notice of default or an

identification number for the trustee's sale that would assist the trustee in identifying the property subject to the trustee's sale and a self-addressed, stamped envelope measuring at least 8.5 by 11 inches in size; or

- (B) By posting a true copy or a link to a true copy of the amended notice of sale on the trustee's Internet website.
  - [(10)] (13) The amended notice of sale must:
  - (a) Be given at least 20 days prior to the amended date of sale;
- (b) Set an amended date of sale that may be the same as the original sale date, or date to which the sale was postponed, provided the requirements of this subsection and ORS 86.740 and 86.750 are satisfied;
  - (c) Specify the time and place for sale;
  - (d) Conform to the requirements of ORS 86.745; and
  - (e) State that the original sale proceedings were stayed and the date the stay terminated.
- [(11)] (14) If the publication of the notice of sale was not completed before the date the fore-closure proceedings were stayed by order of the court, by proceedings in bankruptcy or for any other lawful reason, after release from the stay, in addition to complying with the provisions of subsections [(9) and (10)] (12) and (13) of this section, the trustee shall complete the publication by publishing an amended notice of sale that states that the notice has been amended following release from the stay and that contains the amended date of sale. The amended notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties in which the property is situated once a week for four successive weeks, except that the required number of publications must be reduced by the number of publications that were completed before the effective date of the stay. The last publication must be made more than 20 days before the date the trustee conducts the sale.

**SECTION 3.** ORS 105.124 is amended to read:

105.124. For a complaint described in ORS 105.123, if ORS chapter 90 applies to the dwelling unit:

(1) The complaint must be in substantially the following form and be available from the clerk of the court:

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF

No. \_\_\_\_\_

# RESIDENTIAL EVICTION COMPLAINT

PLAINTIFF (Landlord or age	nt):
Address:	
State:	Zip:
Telephone:	•

DEFENDANT (Tenants/Occupa	nts): _
MAILING ADDRESS:	<u> </u>
City:	
State:	Zip:
m 1 1	•
Telephone:	
located at:	1. of the dwelling unit, premises or rental property described above or  2.
Landlord is entitled to poss	session of the property because of:
— 24-hour notice for per injury, substantial dar outrageous act or unla ORS 90.396 or 90.403.  — 24-hour or 48-hour no violation of a drug or program. ORS 90.398.  — 24-hour notice for per domestic violence, sex stalking. ORS 90.445.  — 72-hour or 144-hour n nonpayment of rent. O  — 7-day notice with stat a week-to-week tenance in a repeat violation in a tenancy or without staweek-to-week tenancy.  90.405 or 90.427 (2).  20-day notice for a result of the companies of the compan	mage, extremely awful occupant.  tice for alcohol  petrating ual assault or  otice for PRS 90.394. ed cause in ey. ORS 90.392 (6). t violation, a month-to-month ated cause in a ORS 90.392 (5),  peat violation.  day notice without th-to-month 3) or (4) or 90.429. tted cause.
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Defendant entered upon the premises with force or is unlawfully holding the premises with force.

## A COPY OF ANY NOTICE RELIED UPON IS ATTACHED

Wherefore, plaintiff prays for possession of the premises, costs and disbursements and attorney fees, if applicable.

Plaintiff		

(2) A copy of the notice relied upon, if any, must be attached to the complaint.

SECTION 5. ORS 90.300, as amended by section 5, chapter 28, Oregon Laws 2010, is amended to read:

- 90.300. (1) As used in this section, "security deposit" includes any last month's rent deposit.
- (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a landlord may require a tenant to pay a security deposit. The landlord shall provide the tenant with a receipt for any security deposit the tenant pays. The landlord shall hold a security deposit or prepaid rent for the tenant who is a party to the rental agreement. A tenant's claim to the security deposit or prepaid rent is prior to the claim of a creditor of the landlord, including a trustee in bankruptcy.
- (b) Except as provided in ORS 86.755 [(8)] (10), the holder of the landlord's interest in the premises at the time the tenancy terminates is responsible to the tenant for any security deposit or prepaid rent and is bound by this section.
- (3) A landlord may not charge a tenant a pet security deposit for keeping a service animal or companion animal that a tenant with a disability requires as a reasonable accommodation under fair housing laws.
- (4)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a landlord may not change the rental agreement to require the tenant to pay a new or increased security deposit during the first year after the tenancy has begun. Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the landlord may require an additional deposit if the landlord and tenant agree to modify the terms and conditions of the rental agreement to permit a pet or for other cause and the additional deposit relates to the modification. This paragraph does not prevent a landlord from collecting a security deposit that an initial rental agreement provided for but that remained unpaid at the time the tenancy began.
- (b) If a landlord requires a new or increased security deposit after the first year of the tenancy, the landlord shall allow the tenant at least three months to pay the new or increased deposit.
- (5) The landlord may claim all or part of the security deposit only if the landlord required the security deposit for any or all of the purposes specified in subsection (6) of this section.
  - (6)(a) The landlord may claim from the security deposit only the amount reasonably necessary:

- (A) To remedy the tenant's defaults in the performance of the rental agreement including, but not limited to, unpaid rent; and
- (B) To repair damages to the premises caused by the tenant, not including ordinary wear and tear.
- (b) A landlord is not required to repair damage caused by the tenant in order for the landlord to claim against the deposit for the cost to make the repair. Any labor costs the landlord assesses under this subsection for cleaning or repairs must be based on a reasonable hourly rate. The landlord may charge a reasonable hourly rate for the landlord's own performance of cleaning or repair work.
- (c) Defaults and damages for which a landlord may recover under this subsection include, but are not limited to:
  - (A) Carpet cleaning, other than the use of a common vacuum cleaner, if:
- (i) The cleaning is performed by use of a machine specifically designed for cleaning or shampooing carpets;
  - (ii) The carpet was cleaned immediately before the tenant took possession; and
- (iii) The written rental agreement provides that the landlord may deduct the cost of carpet cleaning regardless of whether the tenant cleans the carpet before the tenant delivers possession as described in ORS 90.147.
- (B) Loss of use of the dwelling unit during the performance of necessary cleaning or repairs, if the cleaning or repairs are performed in a timely manner.
- (7) A landlord may not require a tenant to pay or to forfeit a security deposit or prepaid rent to the landlord for the tenant's failure to maintain a tenancy for a minimum number of months in a month-to-month tenancy.
- (8) The landlord must apply any last month's rent deposit to the rent due for the last month of the tenancy:
- (a) When either the landlord or the tenant gives to the other a notice of termination, pursuant to this chapter, other than a notice of termination under ORS 90.394;
  - (b) When the landlord and tenant agree to terminate the tenancy; or
- (c) When the tenancy terminates in accordance with the provisions of a written rental agreement for a term tenancy.
- (9) A landlord shall account for and refund as provided in subsections (11) to (13) of this section any portion of a last month's rent deposit the landlord does not apply as provided under subsection (8) of this section. Unless the tenant and landlord agree otherwise, the tenant may not require the landlord to apply a last month's rent deposit to rent due for any period other than the last month of the tenancy. A last month's rent deposit does not limit the amount of rent charged unless a written rental agreement provides otherwise.
- (10) When the tenancy terminates, a landlord shall account for and refund to the tenant, in the same manner this section requires for security deposits, the unused balance of any prepaid rent the landlord has not previously refunded to the tenant under ORS 90.380 and 105.120 (5)(b) or any other provision of this chapter. The landlord may claim from the remaining prepaid rent only the amount reasonably necessary to pay the tenant's unpaid rent.
- (11) In order to claim all or part of any prepaid rent or security deposit, within 31 days after the tenancy terminates and the tenant delivers possession the landlord shall give to the tenant a written accounting that states specifically the basis or bases of the claim. The landlord shall give a separate accounting for security deposits and for prepaid rent.
- (12) The landlord shall return to the tenant the security deposit or prepaid rent or the portion of the security deposit or prepaid rent that the landlord does not claim in the manner provided by subsections (10) and (11) of this section not later than 31 days after the tenancy terminates and the tenant delivers possession to the landlord.
- (13) The landlord shall give the written accounting required under subsection (11) of this section or shall return the security deposit or prepaid rent as required by subsection (12) of this section by personal delivery or by first class mail.

- (14) If a security deposit or prepaid rent secures a tenancy for a space for a manufactured dwelling or floating home the tenant owns and occupies, whether or not in a facility, and the dwelling or home is abandoned as described in ORS 90.425 (2) or 90.675 (2), the 31-day period described in subsections (11) and (12) of this section commences on the earliest of:
  - (a) Waiver of the abandoned property process under ORS 90.425 (26) or 90.675 (22);
  - (b) Removal of the manufactured dwelling or floating home from the rented space;
- (c) Destruction or other disposition of the manufactured dwelling or floating home under ORS 90.425 (10)(b) or 90.675 (10)(b); or
- (d) Sale of the manufactured dwelling or floating home pursuant to ORS 90.425 (10)(a) or 90.675 (10)(a).
- (15) If the landlord fails to comply with subsection (12) of this section or if the landlord in bad faith fails to return all or any portion of any prepaid rent or security deposit due to the tenant under this chapter or the rental agreement, the tenant may recover the money due in an amount equal to twice the amount:
  - (a) Withheld without a written accounting under subsection (11) of this section; or
  - (b) Withheld in bad faith.
- (16)(a) A security deposit or prepaid rent in the possession of the landlord is not garnishable property, as provided in ORS 18.618.
- (b) If a landlord delivers a security deposit or prepaid rent to a garnishor in violation of ORS 18.618 (1)(b), the landlord that delivered the security deposit or prepaid rent to the garnishor shall allow the tenant at least 30 days after a copy of the garnishee response required by ORS 18.680 is delivered to the tenant under ORS 18.690 to restore the security deposit or prepaid rent. If the tenant fails to restore a security deposit or prepaid rent under the provisions of this paragraph before the tenancy terminates, and the landlord retains no security deposit or prepaid rent from the tenant after the garnishment, the landlord is not required to refund or account for the security deposit or prepaid rent under subsection (10) of this section.
- (17) This section does not preclude the landlord or tenant from recovering other damages under this chapter.

**SECTION 6.** ORS 86.745, as amended by sections 1 and 2, chapter 28, Oregon Laws 2010, and section 1 of this 2011 Act, is amended to read:

86.745. The notice of sale shall:

- (1) List the names of the grantor, trustee and beneficiary in the trust deed, and the mailing address of the trustee.
  - (2) Describe the property the trust deed covers.
  - (3) Identify the book and page of the mortgage records that record the trust deed.
  - (4) State the default for which the foreclosure is made.
  - (5) State the sum owing on the obligation that the trust deed secures.
  - (6) State that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligation.
  - (7) Set forth the date, time and place of the sale.
- (8) State that the right exists under ORS 86.753 to have the proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying the entire amount then due, together with costs, trustee's fees and attorney fees, and by curing any other default complained of in the notice of default, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale.
- (9) If the property includes one or more dwelling units that are subject to ORS chapter 90, include a notice addressed clearly to any individual who occupies the property and who is or might be a residential tenant. The notice required under this subsection must:
- (a) Include contact information for the Oregon State Bar and a person or organization that provides legal help to individuals at no charge to the individual;
  - (b) Include information concerning the right the individual has to notice under ORS 86.755 (6)(c);
  - (c) Be set apart from other text in the notice of sale; and
  - (d) Be in substantially the following form:

#### NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS

The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place.

The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant.

If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing.

#### PROTECTION FROM EVICTION

IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR:

- [THE REMAINDER OF YOUR FIXED TERM LEASE,] 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE;
- AT LEAST [90] 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT.

If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after [90] **30** days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than [90] **30** days left.

You must be provided with at least [90] **30** days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move.

A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement:

- Is the result of an arm's-length transaction;
- Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and
  - Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

# ABOUT YOUR TENANCY

# BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE:

# RENT

YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE.

## SECURITY DEPOSIT

You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord.

ABOUT YOUR TENANCY

AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE

The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after [90] **30 or 60** days [or at the end of your fixed term lease]. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise:

- You do not owe rent;
- The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and
  - You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you.

The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than [90] **30** or **60** days [or before your fixed term lease expires]. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice.

#### **SECTION 7.** ORS 86.755, as amended by section 2 of this 2011 Act, is amended to read:

86.755. (1) The trustee shall hold the trustee's sale on the date and at the time and place designated in the notice of sale. The designated time of the trustee's sale must be after 9 a.m. and before 4 p.m., based on the standard of time set forth in ORS 187.110, and the designated place of the trustee's sale must be in the county or one of the counties in which the property is situated. The trustee may sell the property in one parcel or in separate parcels and shall sell the parcel or parcels at auction to the highest bidder for cash. Any person, including the beneficiary under the trust deed, but excluding the trustee, may bid at the trustee's sale. The attorney for the trustee, or an agent that the trustee or the attorney designates, may conduct the sale and act in the sale as the trustee's auctioneer.

- (2) The trustee or the attorney for the trustee, or an agent that the trustee or the attorney conducting the sale designates, may postpone the sale for one or more periods totaling not more than 180 days from the original sale date, giving notice of each adjournment by public proclamation made at the time and place set for sale. The trustee, the attorney or an agent that the trustee or the attorney designates may make the proclamation.
- (3) The purchaser shall pay at the time of sale the price bid, and, within 10 days following payment, the trustee shall execute and deliver the trustee's deed to the purchaser.
- (4) The trustee's deed shall convey to the purchaser the interest in the property that the grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time the grantor executed the trust deed, together with any interest the grantor or the grantor's successors in interest acquire after the execution of the trust deed.
- (5)(a) If property purchased at the trustee's sale includes one or more dwelling units that are subject to ORS chapter 90, the purchaser must provide written notice of change in ownership to the occupants of each unit within 30 days after the date of sale and before or concurrently with service of a written termination notice authorized by subsection (6)(c)(B) of this section.
  - (b) The notice required by this subsection must:

- (A) Explain that the dwelling unit has been sold at a foreclosure sale and that the purchaser at that sale is the new owner.
  - (B) Include the date on which the foreclosure sale took place.
- (C) Include the name, contact address and contact telephone number of the purchaser or the purchaser's representative.
- (D) Provide information about the rights of bona fide residential tenants as provided in subsections (6)(c) and (e) and (9)(a) of this section.
- (E) Include contact information for the Oregon State Bar and a person or organization that provides legal help to individuals at no charge to the individual.
  - (c) The notice must be served by one or more of the following methods:
  - (A) Personal delivery to the tenant.
  - (B) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit.
- (C) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit and attachment of a second notice copy. The second notice copy must be attached in a secure manner to the main entrance to the portion of the premises in the possession of the tenant.
- (D) If the names of the tenants are not known to the purchaser, the notice may be addressed to "occupants."
- (d) A notice that contains the information required under paragraph (b)(B) and (C) of this subsection meets the requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection if the notice is in substantially the following form:

#### NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS OF CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

The property in which you are living has gone through foreclosure and was sold to a new owner on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The contact information for the new owner or the owner's representative is \_\_\_\_ (name, address, telephone number).

IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR:

- [THE REMAINDER OF YOUR FIXED TERM LEASE,] 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR
- AT LEAST [90] **30** DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, **IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT**.

If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after [90] **30** days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than [90] **30** days left.

You must be provided with at least [90] **30** days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move.

A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner), or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement:

- Is the result of an arm's-length transaction;
- Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and
  - Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

#### IMPORTANT:

YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE NEW OWNER OR THE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THIS NOTICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO LET THE NEW OWNER KNOW IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT. YOU SHOULD PROVIDE WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF YOUR RENTAL AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM RENTAL AGREEMENT OR LEASE WITH MORE THAN [90] 30 DAYS LEFT. Written evi-

dence of your rental agreement can be a copy of your lease or rental agreement, or other documentation of the existence of your rental agreement. Keep your original documents and a record of any information you give to the new owner.

# YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE MOVE-OUT DATE

The new owner may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after [90] **30 or 60** days [or at the end of your fixed term lease]. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise:

- You do not owe rent;
- The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property; and
- You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you.

The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than [90] **30** or **60** days [or before your fixed term lease expires]. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice.

- (6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection, the purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day after the sale. A person that remains in possession after the 10th day under any interest, except an interest prior to the trust deed or an interest the grantor or a successor of the grantor created voluntarily is a tenant at sufferance. The purchaser may obtain possession of the property from a tenant at sufferance by following the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 or other applicable judicial procedure.
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, at any time after the trustee's sale the purchaser may follow the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 or other applicable judicial procedure to obtain possession of the property from a person that holds possession under an interest that the grantor or a successor of the grantor created voluntarily if, not earlier than 30 days before the date first set for the sale, the person was served with not less than 30 days' written notice of the requirement to surrender or deliver possession of the property.
- (c) If the property purchased at the trustee's sale includes a dwelling unit that is subject to ORS chapter 90 and an individual occupies the unit under a bona fide tenancy, the purchaser may obtain possession by following the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 and by using the complaint form provided in ORS 105.124 or 105.126:
- (A) [Upon expiration of the fixed term of the tenancy,] At least 60 days after service of a written termination notice, if the bona fide tenancy is a fixed term tenancy as defined in ORS 90.100; or
- (B) At least [90] **30** days after service of a written termination notice if the bona fide tenancy is:
- (i) A fixed term tenancy and the purchaser intends to occupy, as the purchaser's primary residence, the dwelling unit that is subject to the fixed term tenancy; or

- (ii) A month-to-month tenancy or week-to-week tenancy, as those terms are defined in ORS 90.100.
- (d) If a purchaser gives a [90-day] **30-day** written termination notice pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection, the purchaser may include in the notice a request that a tenant with a fixed term tenancy provide written evidence of the existence of the tenancy to the purchaser at an address described in the notice. Written evidence includes a copy of the rental agreement or another document that shows the existence of the fixed term tenancy. Failure of the tenant to provide the requested written evidence before the purchaser files an action for possession based on a [90-day] **30-day** notice:
- (A) Does not prevent the tenant from asserting the existence of the fixed term tenancy as a defense to the action.
- (B) Prevents the tenant from recovering prevailing party attorney fees or costs and disbursements pursuant to subsection (11)(b) of this section. The [90-day] **30-day** notice must describe the provisions of this paragraph.
- (e) A purchaser may not commence a proceeding under ORS 105.105 to 105.168 that is authorized under this subsection before the later of:
  - (A) The 10th day after the trustee's sale;
- (B) The date specified in a written notice of the requirement to surrender or deliver possession of the property if the notice is required by and is given to the person in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection;
- (C) The date specified in a written notice of the purchaser's intent to terminate a tenancy if the notice is required by and is given to the person in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection; or
- (D) The date on which the term of a fixed term tenancy ends, if the property is a dwelling unit and the purchaser has not terminated the tenancy in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- (f) A purchaser seeking to obtain possession pursuant to ORS 105.105 to 105.168 must attach proof of service of a written termination notice required by paragraph (c) of this subsection to the pleadings.
- (g) In an action to obtain possession, violation of the procedures required by subsection (5) of this section or paragraph (c) of this subsection is a defense for a bona fide tenant seeking to retain possession.
- (h) As used in this subsection, "bona fide tenancy" means tenancy of a dwelling unit that is subject to ORS chapter 90 that results from an arm's-length transaction that occurred before the date of a foreclosure sale in which:
- (A) The mortgagor or the child, spouse or parent of the mortgagor under the contract is not the tenant; and
- (B) The rent required is not substantially less than fair market rent for the dwelling unit, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy.
- (7) A purchaser shall serve a notice under subsection (6) of this section by one or more of the following methods:
  - (a) Personal delivery to the tenant.
  - (b) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit.
- (c) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit and attachment of a second notice copy. The second notice copy must be attached in a secure manner to the main entrance to the portion of the premises in the possession of the tenant.
- (8) If the notice under subsection (6) of this section is served by mail pursuant to subsection (7)(b) of this section, the minimum period for compliance must be extended by three days and the notice must include the extension in the period stated in the notice.
- (9)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(c) of this section and except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the purchaser is not a landlord subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 90 unless the purchaser:

- (A) Accepts rent from the individual who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section;
- (B) Enters into a new rental agreement with the individual who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section; or
- (C) Fails to terminate the tenancy as provided in subsection (6)(c) of this section within 30 days after the date of the sale.
- (b) The purchaser may act as a landlord for purposes of terminating a tenancy in accordance with the provisions of ORS 90.396.
- (c) The purchaser is subject to the provisions of ORS 90.322, 90.375, 105.165, 659A.421 and 659A.425. The application of ORS 90.375 to a purchaser that does not become a landlord does not impose an affirmative duty to pay for or provide services. For the purpose of damages pursuant to this paragraph, "rent" refers to the amount paid by the tenant to the landlord for the right to occupy the unit before the foreclosure.
- (10)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the purchaser is not liable to the individual who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section for:
  - (A) Damage to the property or diminution in rental value; or
  - (B) Returning a security deposit.
- (b) A purchaser that is a landlord under the provisions of subsection (9)(a) of this section is liable to the individual who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section for:
- (A) Damage to the property or diminution in rental value that occurs after the date of the trustee's sale; or
  - (B) Returning a security deposit the individual pays after the date of the trustee's sale.
- (11)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection and notwithstanding an agreement to the contrary, in an action or defense arising pursuant to subsection (6)(c), (d), (f) or (g), (7) or (9)(c) of this section, reasonable attorney fees at trial and on appeal may be awarded to the prevailing party together with costs and disbursements.
- (b) If a tenant asserts a successful defense to an action for possession pursuant to subsection (6)(c), (d), (f) or (g) of this section, the tenant is not entitled to prevailing party fees, attorney fees or costs and disbursements if the purchaser:
- (A) Did not know, and did not have reasonable cause to know, of the existence of a fixed term tenancy when commencing the action for possession; and
  - (B) Promptly dismissed the action upon becoming aware of the existence of a fixed term tenancy.
- (c) As used in this subsection, "prevailing party" means the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.
- (12)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, except when a beneficiary has participated in obtaining a stay, foreclosure proceedings that are stayed by order of the court, by proceedings in bankruptcy or for any other lawful reason shall, after release from the stay, continue as if uninterrupted, if within 30 days after release the trustee sends amended notice of sale by registered or certified mail to the last-known address of the persons listed in ORS 86.740 and 86.750 (1).
- (b) In addition to the notice required under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the trustee shall send amended notice of sale:
  - (A) By registered or certified mail to:
- (i) The address provided by each person who was present at the time and place set for the sale that was stayed; and
- (ii) The address provided by each member of the Oregon State Bar who by registered or certified mail requests the amended notice of sale and includes with the request the notice of default or an identification number for the trustee's sale that would assist the trustee in identifying the property subject to the trustee's sale and a self-addressed, stamped envelope measuring at least 8.5 by 11 inches in size; or

- (B) By posting a true copy or a link to a true copy of the amended notice of sale on the trustee's Internet website.
  - (13) The amended notice of sale must:
  - (a) Be given at least 20 days prior to the amended date of sale;
- (b) Set an amended date of sale that may be the same as the original sale date, or date to which the sale was postponed, provided the requirements of this subsection and ORS 86.740 and 86.750 are satisfied;
  - (c) Specify the time and place for sale;
  - (d) Conform to the requirements of ORS 86.745; and
  - (e) State that the original sale proceedings were stayed and the date the stay terminated.
- (14) If the publication of the notice of sale was not completed before the date the foreclosure proceedings were stayed by order of the court, by proceedings in bankruptcy or for any other lawful reason, after release from the stay, in addition to complying with the provisions of subsections (12) and (13) of this section, the trustee shall complete the publication by publishing an amended notice of sale that states that the notice has been amended following release from the stay and that contains the amended date of sale. The amended notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties in which the property is situated once a week for four successive weeks, except that the required number of publications must be reduced by the number of publications that were completed before the effective date of the stay. The last publication must be made more than 20 days before the date the trustee conducts the sale.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding the amendments to ORS 105.124 and 105.126 by sections 3 and 4 of this 2011 Act, for the purpose of exhausting existing supplies of the complaint forms modified pursuant to the amendments to ORS 105.124 and 105.126 by sections 3 and 4 of this 2011 Act, complaint forms satisfying the requirements of ORS 105.124 or 105.126, as in effect on January 2, 2011, may be used until January 2, 2012.

SECTION 9. The amendments to ORS 86.745 and 86.755 by sections 6 and 7 of this 2011 Act become operative January 1, 2015.

<u>SECTION 10.</u> This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect 90 days after passage.

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