

Good afternoon,

Because the city of Portland lacks the ability to regulate rent through rent control or rent caps, I have experienced my rent in a 500 sq ft apartment going from \$699 to \$1,339 within the course of 2 1/2 years. Every six months, or less, in that period I was given a rent raise, often around \$200 increase.

I have been trying to move since this started, when a new owner bought the building (the owner, btw, lives in San Francisco), but every time my income begins to stabilize, the rent goes up again and I cannot catch up.

Moving requires hefty deposits and often one winds up paying rent in 2 places for a month.

Since I have been paying \$\$1,339 per month, I have not had more than \$200 left in my bank account each month - making it almost impossible for me to move.

Consequentially, I just saw a post for a remodeled, nicer unit in this building for almost \$100 less than what I pay. I have been living here for almost 6 years.

Tenants in Oregon need protection now.

Do not fall into the line coming from landlord associations that no-cause evictions keep renters safer. I have known many people who have been evicted from their homes in Portland- none have had safety reasons. Often people are evicted for a property manager or landlord to move in, or for remodeling.

Please, we need sane legislation to support renters in this state.

Thank you,
Teresa

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