

Good morning – I am a Realtor in Bend, Oregon, with 35 years’ experience, all in Central Oregon. I’ve also invested in smaller rental properties, and have been a landlord in Bend for over 25 years. I have good tenants and have never had to file for an eviction during this 25 year period. My rental properties are well managed and maintained, and all my rents are below market. I have happy tenants who remain in my rentals for many, many years, because I treat them so well.

I now have one tenant who has paid me no rent since June 2020. She is employed and has to take advantage of the Oregon Eviction Moratorium to pay me no rent. I have other tenants considering the same thing. I continue to maintain her property, have landscape professionally maintained, pay for water and sewer, property insurance and property taxes. She is living there for “free”, and there is absolutely nothing I can do about it!

The current eviction moratorium is causing many landlords like myself to sell our rentals to owner-occupants, and thereby reducing the number of rentals in Bend, and causing strain on the rental market, and rents to skyrocket. I have no other choice. I just sold one of my rentals that I have owned for over 20 years last week to an owner occupant, and I’ll continue to do so as long as this eviction moratorium is in place.

Both tenants and landlords in Bend need assistance for the State! If no assistance is available then you will be creating a critical rental shortage in Bend. What you are attempting to do with the eviction moratorium is actually going to back-fire on tenants.

You need to provide for relief for landlords like myself as well as tenants!!

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