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I purchased my first home last year, a duplex with an existing tenant in one unit. I moved into the other unit. I thought it would be great to have a home where i got some help paying the mortgage; i don't need all of the space myself, and i have always lived in apartments so I am used to neighbors through the walls/ceilings/floors. My tenant is effectively torturing me as a neighbor and trying to get me to kick her out and pay her a relocation fee. Now my goal is to get the tenant out and take housing off of the market because of these onerous, unbalanced rules. I would rather scrape the money together than have to deal with this again. I understand there is a carveout for my situation (owner occupied duplex), but it turns out the carveout has a carveout and the previous owner didn't enable it for me, so I still owe the relocation fee. The more restrictive the laws are on landlords, the less supply there will be in the market as people choose not to rent.