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I own a house and rent out rooms. I try to rent to people who need a leg up - people with bad credit, people who may have been evicted before, etc. Unfortunately I had to recently evict someone, ultimately for non-payment, but mostly because of how unlivable they made the entire house for the other tenants. Issues like smelling so bad that others felt their health was being affected, taking other people's food and using their dishes, etc. This was a horrible situation for everyone and I lost all of the tenants that I wanted to keep. Now I also no longer feel comfortable helping out people and have really tightened down on people proving income and checking for issues with past renters. Because of Portland's strict rules on asking for people to leave I have decided to sell my rental the next time the market goes up. Oregon and Portland have made it almost impossible for small land lords to function.