

**city inspections**

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Zackariah and Renters Commissioners,

Thank you for serving on this board and helping residents with their renter's issues. From my situation, there are two policy changes that I think would benefit other renters in the city.

One is help finding legal representation or advice when taking a landlord to court seems like it is necessary. In my case, Cabrio delayed for nearly 3 months to accept my housing voucher even though Ann Arbor has a non discrimination ordinance that includes source of income. I learned yesterday that they ignored three emails that were sent by the MSHDA affiliated agency to set up the inspection required for my voucher to be started. I think Cabrio should be responsible for the money I essentially lost while they delayed for months.

The other issue I came across had to do with inspections. Upon city inspection, it was found that Cabrio installed a water heater without a permit, and stored combustible items near it. The smoke detector in the laundry room was not functional and there was also found to be fire hazards in the laundry room. Cabrio informed me of excess recyclables in my unit that I had to take care of, but they failed to mention the safety issues that had failed in my building. They also told me the issue in my unit was a fire hazard, when the city had not marked it as being one. When I asked the city why they hadn't informed me of the failed inspection items, I was told it was the landlord's responsibility to let tenants know the results of inspections. I think this policy should change, and the city should contact tenants when landlords fail inspections. I also think penalties should be increased so that landlords would be more likely to make sure their units and buildings are not dangerous.

Thank you once again,
Zachary Storey