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From: Farrell, Janet <JFarrell@a2gov.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:13 PM
To: Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>
Subject: RE: Fire and carbon monoxide detection and presents of mold

I sent them a complaint form.

From: Ann Arbor Renter's Commission <RentersCommission@a2gov.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 12:06 PM
To: Farrell, Janet <JFarrell@a2gov.org>
Subject: FW: Fire and carbon monoxide detection and presents of mold

Hi Janet,

I apologize I missed this email. Please see below.

Thanks!

Kristen

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From: [REDACTED]
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To: Ann Arbor Renter's Commission <RentersCommission@a2gov.org>
Subject: Fire and carbon monoxide detection and presents of mold

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Dear Janet,

I am writing today as I have an apartment where the landlord has just dismissed our concerns. We first reported mold, which occurred in the corner of the bedroom on January 3rd. They came, sprayed it, wiped it away, and it returned on January 27th. Then they wiped it away again and put silicone caulk over it so it couldn't grow back. It has now returned and is growing under the silicone caulk and is also growing in several other spots. The issue is when someone uses the dryers in the basement, the whole apartment becomes moist, and water drips off the walls and windows. My landlord said with the issues

and complaints I have, they are releasing me from my lease as they are unwilling to deal with me any longer. That was on February 1st.

While I was recently looking up mold information, I found the code that requires landlords to have fire and carbon monoxide detectors in the apartment. We have neither, and we have a gas furnace in the unit. In addition, there are two gas dryers in the basement which do have vents outside, but the vents are not functioning properly, and the whole place fogs up as mentioned. Since living here, I have developed a chronic cough I can't shake, we are all tired all the time, and skin issues have developed, which are all signs of mold toxicity. The exhaustion could be from CO2 poisoning or from the mold as well. When I travel, my cough resolves, but it returns a few hours after returning home.

According to the Ann Arbor City Code Chapter 105, Section 8:529, landlords are required to keep rental premises free from mold hazards and promptly remediate any mold issues. Additionally, per Section 8:531, landlords must provide operational smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in rental units with fuel-burning appliances or attached garages.

Notably, another tenant who used to live in Unit 102 had to move out because of a black mold issue and is now living in Unit 109. This information came directly from the mouth of the actual tenant who had to move.

I'm reporting this to you as the leasing office's solution was to simply tell us to find a new home. We stopped addressing concerns with them for any issues at that point, as it is clear they did not want to provide a safe and comfortable home.

My address is [REDACTED]

I am an ICU nurse and aware of the health issues mold can cause in people. We have looked for and found a new place to move and will do so soon. However, the landlord's dismissal of the issues will simply make someone unhealthy or possibly others in this 27-unit complex.

Thank you very much for looking into this for me.

[REDACTED]
P.S.: If you need photos of the mold and condensation from the dryers, I have them. Let me know, and I'll send them to you.

Sent from my iPhone