

City of Ann Arbor Renters Commission Workplan for 2026 Calendar Year

Initiative	Priority	Topic
Rental Housing Reform and/or Legislation	Low	Audit Chapter 105 Section 8:530 and 8:532, and existing enforcement process for efficacy. If necessary, propose amendments and support enforcement process changes.
	Medium	Advocate for staffing for rental housing code enforcement.
	High	Support "Right to Organize" ordinance to protect tenant union and association members from retaliation and organizing interference.
	Medium	Support/initiate a landlord/tenant ombudsman program or other dispute resolution board.
	Medium	Promote background check transparency and advocate for protections regarding sharing tenant data.
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Commissioner Education	High	Learn more about the status of tenant union organizing in the City of Ann Arbor.
	High	Collaborate and share information with the Human Rights Commission related to Fair Housing and their other initiatives.
	Medium	Learn about affordable housing strategies with the goal of mitigating gentrification.
	Low	Annual report from the planning department and the Ann Arbor Housing Commission to learn about development updates and implementation of affordable housing.
	Low	Get update from OSI by Q3 regarding Green Rental Housing ordinance enforcement.
	Medium	Learn more about the STREAM software to determine what features could be added to improve access to rental housing information (such as including validated complaint data).
	Low	Investigate the possibility of regulating the use of AI in rent pricing.
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Stakeholder Education	Medium	Educate tenants about ordinances and state laws passed over the past few years, such as the Early Leasing Ordinance, Right to Renew, Pre-Tenancy Fee Ordinance, Green Rental Housing Ordinance, and source of income protections.
	High	Share resources available to senior renters within the city. Determine if there is a specific area to focus on such as accessibility, affordability, etc.
	High	Hold at least four in-person stakeholder engagement events.
	Low	Identify resources for renters related to extreme weather (Q3).
	Medium	Investigate the prevalence of owner-occupied rentals, especially among the student population.
	High	Develop digital and print media to share with tenants, such as fliers or a table of where to file certain complaints. Audit the renters commission website to ensure that information is easy for tenants to find.