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Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 6:04 PM
To: Reiser, John; Alanis, Sarah
Cc: Vander Lugt, Kristen
Subject: FW: Landlord Pushing Rent Increase Outside of 150 Day Period to Force Renewal

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From: [REDACTED] DuChene [REDACTED]
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Hi Ann Arbor Renters Commission,

I'm a law student at the University of Michigan who also went to the University of Michigan for undergrad. I've had to deal with sky-high Ann Arbor rental prices for six years, and I'm tired of it. I fear that rent in Ann Arbor is no longer affordable for students, and the problem gets worse each year.

I was told that you are looking into whether a landlord pushing a waitlist or saying that rent will increase if tenants don't resign sooner than 150 days before the end of the tenant's current lease may be breaking the local rent ordinances.

I currently live in The Yard, and they started pushing resigning leases almost the day that we moved into our apartment. They have increased the rent for next year twice since I moved in and repeatedly remind us that if we don't lock in our price now, we will be forced to pay even more as they up the rent every month to push us to resign.

My rent has gone up by \$200 even though none of the apartment's offerings have changed (in fact - the lease that I signed said I would be getting cable for free, which was a service they got rid of once I moved in).

I hope you'll move to make these predatory hike increases a violation of Ann Arbor city ordinances.

Thank you for all that you do,

[REDACTED] DuChene

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Cc: [REDACTED] Knoll [REDACTED]
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Good afternoon,

I hope all is well. I wanted to make this Commission aware of the current practices at the Yard (615 S Main St, Ann Arbor). Myself along with many other tenants began leases this past August 2022. As early as late September (one month later), the Yard began emailing us saying that it was time to resign for another year's lease (beginning August 2023) and that they were charging over \$200 more per month. To encourage our resigning, they began increasing the rent for the 2023 lease significantly every few weeks. I, along with many other tenants, caved to the pressure and resigned for next year (I am a law student and didn't have the time to fight it or find a place with better rent).

While I do not expect to get out of the lease I signed, I wanted to make the Commission aware of this abuse which I believe violates local ordinances. Thank you for your work and please let me know if there are any other steps I should take.

Best wishes,

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[REDACTED] Grosboll

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Hi,

I heard the Ann Arbor Renters Commission is soliciting information about landlords pressuring to resign - Jordan Martinez at City Place Ann Arbor has been sending emails, saying there are only a few spots to have a lower rent to resign, and if we wait the price will go up. I think she is also mentioning a waitlist. I already know I won't re-sign here because they are atrocious (read: leaving us without smoke detectors for a day) but I thought this should be mentioned.

Best,
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