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Subject: Ann Arbor landlords increasing market rate illegally.

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All Ann Arbor landlords are using either Rent Maximizer software by Yardi, and RealPage's YieldStar software

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https://web.archive.org/web/20240303001814/https://www.ftc.gov/business-guidance/blog/2024/03/price-fixing-algorithm-still-price-fixing

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This is why Ann Arbor apartments have gone up 5-600 dollars since 2019.

It'd be great if the city would actually look into who's using this price fixing software. But.. I highly doubt it based on previous interactions with city employees on a non renewal that went nowhere...