

Housing For ALL: Third Party Payments

This legislation will ensure that no operator of rental housing shall refuse to accept rental payments on behalf of a tenant on the basis that the payment was provided by a person other than the tenant.

What forms of rental payments are acceptable?

Rental payments may be made in any lawful form authorized pursuant to a written rental agreement, provided for by city code or state law, or approved by a court of competent jurisdiction. Other than the tenant, who or what organizations are able to make rental payments?

How do I report a violation of this ordinance?

What happens if a property owner violates this ordinance?

An operator who violates this ordinance is guilty of failure to accept tender, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Refusing to accept a third-party payment provides a defense on the behalf of the tenant in eviction court.



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