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**Date:** February 7, 2017  
**To:** Housing Bureau Staff  
**From:** Matthew Tschabold, Housing Equity and Policy Manager  
**Re:** Mandatory Relocation Assistance for Renters

**Who is subject to the relocation assistance requirement?**

- All property owners who own more than one rental housing unit within the City of Portland are subject to the requirement
- Property owners who temporarily rent out their principal residence during an absence of not more than 3 years are exempt
- Property owners who rent housing units on a week-to-week basis are exempt

**What triggers the required relocation assistance?**

- A property owner terminating a rental agreement without cause (often known as a no cause eviction/termination)
- A property owner increasing rent by more than 10% within 12 months, and as a result the renter chooses to terminate the rental agreement

**What is the level of relocation assistance?**

- Studio or SRO dwelling unit - \$2,900
- 1-bedroom dwelling unit - \$3,300
- 2-bedroom dwelling unit - \$4,200
- 3-bedroom or larger dwelling unit - \$4,500

**What is the effective date of the requirement?**

- As of roughly 8:30 pm on February 2, 2017

**How long is the requirement in effect?**

- Currently, the requirement sunsets after October 6, 2017

**Does this apply to property owners who have (1) terminated a rental agreement without cause, or (2) increased rent by more than 10% in 12 months and as a result the renter chooses to terminate the rental agreement, if it has occurred within the last 90 days?**

- Yes, and property owners have 3 options:
  1. Payment of the mandatory relocation assistance
  2. Rescind the termination of the rental agreement without cause
  3. Lower the rent increase below 10%