

Right to Renew

Section 8:531 of the Housing Code (Chapter 105) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor

This law requires landlords in Ann Arbor to make a good faith offer to renew a lease to a tenant 180 days before the end of the current lease, unless the landlord can establish good cause not to renew to the current tenant (and they notify the tenant in writing). Relocation assistance is mandated if a landlord fails to offer a renewal or show good cause not to renew.



Relocation Assistance

Equal to 2-month's rent based upon the current lease.



Does this apply to my lease?

This ordinance applies to leases entered into, renewed, or renegotiated after October 16th, 2022.



Good Cause

- The tenant has not accepted the renewal offer in writing within the time allowed
- The tenants who accepted the renewal offer, along with any replacement tenants acceptable to the landlord, have not returned a signed lease to the landlord within 10 days of receipt.
- The landlord can demonstrate a justification for not offering renewal (the same justification need to evict a tenant)
- The owner or a member of the owner's immediate family is going to occupy the unit for a succeeding term*
- The owner isn't going to rent the unit for a succeeding term

*"Immediate family" includes the owner's domestic partner or spouse, parents, grandparents, children, siblings, as well as the siblings or parents of the owner's domestic partner or spouse

To File a Complaint

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