

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Amending the "Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts", as amended, by amending Chapter 176, Article I Rental Property by deleting §176-2.F. in its entirety and replacing it with new language.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

"The Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell, Massachusetts", adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, as amended, is hereby amended with respect to Chapter 176 entitled Permits; Inspection; Fair Housing by deleting §176-2.F. in its entirety, which currently reads as follows:

§176-2.F.

Anyone seeking a rental unit permit must provide a designated Person-In-Charge for each property containing a rental unit. The name and contact information, including a phone number, must be provided with the rental permit application. Any changes to the person-in-charge or his/her contact information shall be submitted to the city within seven (7) days of the change.

And replacing with the following language:

“§176-2.F. Anyone seeking a rental permit must provide a designated person-in-charge for each property containing a rental unit. The name and contact information, including a phone number and email address, must be provided with the rental permit application. In addition, the name and contact information of the person-in-charge shall be posted at the property on a printed placard adjacent to the main entrance to the building. In the event that a property has multiple buildings, the information above shall be posted at the main entrance to each building. The printed placard shall be entitled “Property Manager” and

shall be printed in a minimum 48 pt. font. The placard shall be easily visible from the main entrance. Any changes to the person-in-charge or his/her contact information shall be submitted to the City within seven days of the change.”

All provisions of the Lowell City Code, as amended, which are consistent with this Ordinance, shall continue in effect, but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith, are repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Mayor John Leahy

Members of the City Council

Re: Ordinance –To Amend the Rental Property Ordinance

Dear Madam Manager, Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

The attached Ordinance would enact the changes proposed and approved by the City Council at the October 13, 2020 City Council meeting regarding the Rental Property Ordinance. Specifically, this change would add a posting requirement on property that requires a rental permit, and the posting would include the property manager's name, phone number and email address.

Yours very truly,

R. Eric Slagle

Director, Development Services