

REAL ADVOCACY FOR REALTORS®

GCAAR'S PUBLIC POLICY BRIEF

What you need to know:

- Is your rent late in DC? New rules help tenants
- Montgomery County Hearing on Vacant Property and Foreclosure Registration: November 1
- DC Hearing on Rental Issues: October 19

REALTORS® work with DC Council on Reasonable Rules for Late Rental Payments

The DC Council passed a new bill that:

- Caps late fees at five percent or less
- Standardizes a five-day grace period

DCAR worked extensively with the Council to ensure the new rules would streamline late fees, without being unduly burdensome to housing providers. GCAAR will ensure our standard lease is updated once the Bill is effective. Read the [full Bill here](#).



Montgomery County Hearing on Vacant Property and Foreclosure Registration: November 1

Join GCAAR to support two bills to improve the overall health of the housing market:

- **Housing & Building Maintenance Standards – Registration of Vacant Property**: Requires the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to maintain a registry of **unmaintained** vacant properties, which would be subject to inspection.
- **Housing and Building Standards – Foreclosed Property Registration Penalty**: Imposes a civil penalty for the failure to register a property purchased through

**Tuesday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m.
Montgomery County Council Building
Third Floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850**



DC Public Hearing on Rental Issues: October 19

Join DCAR and the Committee on Housing and Community Development for a public hearing on:

- **Rental Housing Affordability Stabilization Amendment**: Eliminates CPI (Consumer Price Index) plus two percent standard annual rent increases for rent controlled and vacant units.
- **"Four-unit Rental Housing Tenant Grandfathering Amendment Act of 2016"**: Prohibits a housing provider from receiving the 4-unit exemption if the eligibility for the exemption occurs after a transfer that is exempt from the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) and the housing provider has not provided a TOPA offer to the tenants
- **Rent Concession and Rent Ceiling Abolition Clarification**: Requires rent increases be based on amount actually charged, not what is registered with the Rent Administrator. Also requires disclosure that tenant rights are not a condition of the rent concession.

DCAR has a number of concerns with unintended consequences of the legislation and will sharing them with the Council.

Wednesday, October 19 at 10 a.m.
Wilson Building, Room 123
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
[Details here](#)

Email your feedback or stories to mdlegislative@gcaar.com or dlegislative@gcaar.com.

The information expressed within this email is a general resource guide for the members of GCAAR and is subject to change. The content of this email does not constitute legal advice and may not be relied upon as legal advice, and you may not convey or imply otherwise to clients, customers, other real estate professionals or members of the public. ©2016 GCAAR All Rights Reserved.



GCAAR | 15201 Diamondback Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by mdlegislative@gcaar.com in collaboration with



Try it free today