

# TENANTS IN NEW WEST

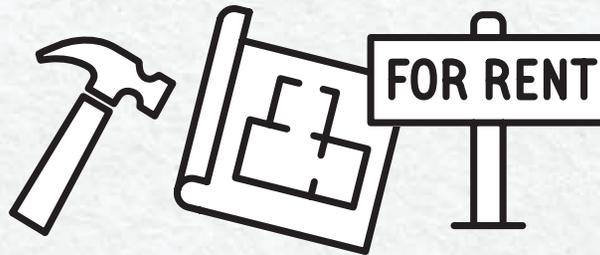


**Did you know ...**  
**we have new regulations**  
**protecting rental units**  
**in New Westminster?**

**What are**  
**the new**  
**regulations?**



The new regulations require that before issuing an eviction notice (or evicting a tenant under an eviction notice issued before the new regulations), the property owner must provide tenants with:



The regulations are intended to discourage landlords from evicting tenants for building renovations without making arrangements for each tenant to continue their tenancy at the same rent during and after the renovations.



alternative accommodation while renovation work is being carried out, and



a written offer to return to the renovated unit or another rental unit at the same rent as currently paid, subject to any rent increase permitted under the BC Residential Tenancy Act.

The City can impose fines if the new rules are not followed.

## Why are these new rules needed?

Renovictions happen when some landlords evict tenants to perform renovations so they can increase rents beyond what is permitted by the Residential Tenancy Act. This is becoming more commonplace in New Westminster and elsewhere in the province. The City has introduced these new regulations to help protect tenants and to preserve the affordable rental housing stock in the community.

## Do the City regulations affect my rights under the B.C. Residential Tenancy Act?

No. The City's regulations are in addition to those of the Residential Tenancy Act, under which you may have grounds to challenge the validity of a *Notice to End Tenancy for Demolition, Renovation, Repair or Conversion of Rental Unit*.

Go to [gov.bc.ca/landlordtenant/review](http://gov.bc.ca/landlordtenant/review) or call the Residential Tenancy Branch at 604-660-1020 for more information.

## What should you do if you are a tenant who has received an eviction notice?

If you have received an eviction notice and you have questions or your landlord does not appear to be adhering to the new regulations, contact Licensing and Integrated Services at the City of New Westminster.



## Contact us

Questions can be directed to Licensing and Integrated Services, either by email at [bylawenforcement@newwestcity.ca](mailto:bylawenforcement@newwestcity.ca) or by telephone at 604-527-4657.

**More information can be found online at [www.newwestcity.ca/tenants](http://www.newwestcity.ca/tenants)**



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