

Councilwoman Gross's Legislation FAQs: Rental Registration

A brief resource guide to help understand new legislation being discussed by Pittsburgh's City-Council

What is it?

The legislation creates a mandatory registry for landlords in the City of Pittsburgh. It requires all landlords to pay a \$65 registration fee for every rental unit leased.

When was it introduced?

The legislation was introduced by Mayor Peduto on November, 10th, 2014. City-Council voted to hold it until a later date for discussion.

What is it supposed to do?

The legislation is designed to help the city hold landlords accountable for their properties. Instead of the city needing to chase down absentee and/or poor landlords the city will have instant access to those responsible for keeping the property in compliance with city building and safety codes.

Why \$65?

The \$65 is the calculated administrative costs (staff and necessary resources) to create and maintain the registry.

Are there exceptions?

Yes, public housing and institutional housing (dormitories, rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, etc.) will not have to pay the registration fee.

Have more questions?

Articles in both the [Post Gazette](#) and [Pittsburgh Tribune Review](#) have recently been written touching on the legislation.

Provide Feedback

We always encourage our residents to share their thoughts, questions, and opinions on upcoming legislation. Please feel free to contact us.

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Has the City tried to do this before?

Yes, in 2009 Pittsburgh tried to pass similar legislation. It passed City-Council, but was tied up in court and was never implemented. In fact, the current legislation is an updated version of the previous one.

Does legislation like this exist in other cities?

Yes, Philadelphia, Scranton, Allentown, Altoona, Erie, and others.

What are the fees there?

Philadelphia has a fee of \$50 while the fee in Scranton is \$150. The others fall in between.

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Complete legislation can be found [here](#).

