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Meeting Minutes of the Fair Rent Commission

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION THURSDAY, July 21, 2022

Commissioners Present (Quorum)

(T) Talia Orr (Chair)

- (H) Beverly Jenkins
- (T) Vanessa Walton
- (L) Patricia Adams

Staff Present
Diana Maldonado

Meeting start time: 6pm

Case 1: 5616-05-17-22 Blue vs. Ranbir Gujal

- All parties sworn in by Chairwoman
- Arguments heard from both sides
- Executive Session
- Decision:
 - The Commission has determined that the landlord's proposed rent of \$1,350.00 per month to the tenant, <u>Brittney Blue</u>, residing <u>at 30 Woodland Street</u>, <u>Apt. 3L</u> is not harsh and unconscionable.
 - The proposed rent has been granted to increase during the next seven months.
 - o On August 1, 2022, the tenant is responsible for paying 1,250.00 per month.
 - Starting on November 1, 2022, the tenant is responsible for paying \$1,300.00 per month for rent.
 - Lastly, starting on February 1, 2023, the tenant is responsible for paying \$1,350.00 per month for rent

Case 2: 5597-12-08-21 Wellington vs. Brave Management

- All parties sworn in by Chairwoman
- Arguments heard from both sides
- Executive Session
- Decision:
 - The Commission determined that the landlord's proposed rent of \$800.00 per month to the tenant, <u>Shawnette Guthrie-Wellington</u>, residing <u>at 73 Blue Hills</u> <u>Avenue</u>, <u>Apt B-6</u> is harsh and unconscionable at this time
 - o The Landlord has 6 months to resolve the rodent infestation in the unit.
 - After 6 months, in January 2023, the Landlord and tenant will return to a hearing to obtain the status of the rodent infestation.
 - If the infestation is corrected in 6 months, the landlord may be granted the permission to increase the rent by \$100.

Case 3:5618-05-19-22 Seals vs. SBM LLC c/o

- All parties sworn in by Chairwoman
- Arguments heard from both sides
- Executive Session
- Decision:
 - The Commission has determined that the landlord's proposed rent of \$1,350.00 per month (\$1,150 plus \$200 for not signing a lease) to the tenant, <u>Salina Seals</u>, residing at **100 Benton Street**, **Unit 302, 3rd FI** is not harsh and unconscionable.
 - The tenant has 3 months to decide what to do, but will continue to pay the current rental amount of \$1005.00 per month.
 - o After the 3 months', starting November 1, 2022, the tenant must pay \$1,350 for the current unit or sign a lease for a renovated unit once it is ready.
 - The Landlord must continue to treat the current unit for mice until the problem is resolved.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm