

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 4-14 (*REGISTRATION OF RENTAL PROPERTY*) RELATING TO RENTAL REGISTRATION PERIODS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. City Code Sections 4-14-7 (*Change in Ownership*) and 4-14-31 (*Registration Period*) are repealed and replaced to read as follows:

§ 4-14-7 CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP.

If the rental property changes ownership, the new landlord shall, within 30 days of the change, submit a new registration application and pay a new registration fee.

§ 4-14-31 REGISTRATION PERIOD.

- (A) Except as provided in Subsection (B), the minimum registration period is two years.
- (B) The minimum registration period is five years if the property meets the conditions described in Subsection (A) of City Code Section 4-14-3 (*Registration Required; Exceptions*) after completing one or more registration periods.
- (C) Except as provided in Subsection (D), the registration period continues until the rental property does not meet the conditions in Subsection (A) of City Code Section 4-14-3 (*Registration Required; Exceptions*) for two consecutive years.
- (D) The registration period ends if, during the registration period,:
 - (1) the rental property changes ownership;
 - (2) within 120 days of the change in ownership, the new landlord corrects existing violations;
 - (3) within 120 days of the change in ownership, the new landlord offers each tenant a lease term of at least one year; and
 - (4) the new landlord enters into the agreement described in Section 4-14-38 (*Tenant Protections*).

PART 2. City Code Chapter 4-14 (*Registration of Rental Property*) is amended to add a new Section 4-14-38 (*Tenant Protections*) to read as follows:

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