



Landlord-Tenant Commission Report

Report to Mayor and Council July 2025



Members

Chair: Joe Tirrell

Commissioners: Mitchell Shapiro, Jason Hubbarth, Barry Stadd, Louzolo Ganga, Nikolai Rakhilin, Kalyn Saulsberry-Fong, Kenneth MacRitchie

Liaison: Trevor Stephens

City Attorney Liaison: Christina Harris



Mission

First and foremost to resolve disputes between landlords and tenants. To provide a service that is supplemental to the conciliation process with legally binding authority that avoids the court process. The commission is comprised of landlords and tenants from the City in order to be fair and balanced arbiters.

FY2025

Focus Areas

1. Integrate new commissioners
2. Re-Establish protocol with existing members
3. Establishing trust with landlords and tenants through clear protocol

Goals for FY26

1. Implement any changes to LTAC processes due to the Chapter 18 code update.
2. Engage the Commission more regularly to address unconciliated complaints.
3. Ensure all the Commission seats have been filled.



FY25 Accomplishments

- Addition of 3 new commissioners
- Increased engagement with Commission on administrative issues
- Re-establishment of best practices regarding hearing buildup and procedure

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Future Plans

- Update Chapter 18 to expand the scope of the Commission.
- Improve and streamline processes for more responsive, efficient hearings.



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