Civil Division Landlord and Tenant Branch

Notice of New Law

Rental Housing Late Fee Fairness Amendment Act of 2016

Members of the public are hereby notified that the DC Council enacted the Rental Housing Late Fee Fairness Amendment Act of 2016, effective December 8, 2016. The Act, which amends the Rental Housing Act of 1985, establishes uniform guidelines for imposing late fees and prohibits a tenant from being evicted on the basis of the nonpayment of a late fee. In accordance with this Act, the Court will no longer accept Notice to Tenant of Payment to Avoid Eviction Forms (Form 6) that include late fees. Please go to this web address to read the Act: http://lims.dccouncil.us/Download/35406/B21-0647-Introduction.pdf.