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## Can My Landlord Raise My Rent?

Your landlord may not alter a lease provision, like the amount of the rent, after the lease begins unless you provide written consent.

Exceptions to this: with 30 days written notice, your landlord may adjust your rent amount IF there is a clause in your lease allowing for adjustments. Allowed adjustments are:

- Changes required by federal, state, or local law, rule or regulation. For example, changes that require the installation and maintenance of safety equipment or other routine maintenance to the property.
- Changes in the amount of rental payments to cover additional costs incurred by the landlord because of increases in property taxes, increases in utilities, and increases in property insurance premiums.

### **What to do if your landlord raises your rent without due cause:**

- Inform your landlord, first.
- Seek legal assistance to resolve.
  - Legal Aid of West Michigan, [www.lawestmi.org](http://www.lawestmi.org) or 616-394-1380
- Consider mediation.
  - Mediation Services, [www.mediationservices.works](http://www.mediationservices.works) or 616-399-1600