

1 **WHEREAS**, the current average monthly rent for a 2-bedroom apartment has now
2 reached \$2,355; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Part II of Chapter 83, Florida Statutes, commonly known as the “Florida
4 Residential Landlord and Tenant Act” (“the Act”), applies to the rental of residential dwelling
5 units and sets forth the rights and duties of landlords and tenants; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Act does not provide specific notification requirements for landlords
7 seeking to increase rental rates; and

8 **WHEREAS**, although some lease agreements contain provisions regarding increases in
9 rental rates, a landlord generally may not raise rent during the term of a lease; and

10 **WHEREAS**, therefore, a landlord will have to wait until the end of the term of the lease
11 to raise the rent and it is expected that notice of such will be provided in accordance with
12 termination notices set forth by law or in accordance with the lease agreement; and

13 **WHEREAS**, with respect to notices of termination of tenancy, if there is a written lease,
14 Section 83.575 of the Act provides that the notice required to terminate a tenancy is no more than
15 60 days’ notice; and

16 **WHEREAS**, where there is no lease, Section 83.57 provides that a landlord terminating
17 the tenancy should provide not less than seven days’ notice to a tenant renting week-to-week, not
18 less than 15 days’ notice to a tenant renting month-to-month, not less than 30 days’ notice to a
19 tenant renting quarter-to-quarter, and not less than 60 days’ notice to a tenant renting year-to-
20 year; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has not preempted local governments from enacting
22 ordinances requiring notices of termination of 60 days or less for tenancies with written leases
23 covered under Section 83.575, Florida Statutes; and

24 **WHEREAS**, according to court opinions and Florida Attorney General Opinion No. 94-
25 41, the Florida Legislature has not preempted local governments from enacting ordinances that
26 enlarge the notification period for tenancies without a specific term pursuant to Section 83.57 of
27 the Act; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Attorney General concluded that such enlargement of the notification
29 period would be supplemental to the state statute, and compliance with such ordinance is possible
30 without violating Section 83.57; and

1 **WHEREAS**, to assist renters, the City of Miami Beach, the City of Lake Worth Beach,
2 Miami-Dade County, the City of Royal Palm Beach, and the City of West Palm Beach recently
3 enacted ordinances that require 60 days' written notification be given by residential landlords in
4 those jurisdictions to their tenants prior to termination of certain tenancies and/or prior to
5 increasing the tenants' rent beyond a specified percentage; and

6 **WHEREAS**, this Board desires to amend the Palm Beach County Code of Ordinances to
7 provide 60-day notification requirements for termination of tenancies with specific duration
8 under Section 83.575 and for certain tenancies without a specific term under Section 83.57 of the
9 Act; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this Board further desires to require that residential landlords in
11 unincorporated and incorporated Palm Beach County who propose to increase the rents of their
12 tenants by five percent (5%) or more shall provide such tenants with advance written notice of
13 such increase.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
15 **COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

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17 **SECTION 1.** Section 14-81 of the Code of Palm Beach County, Florida, is hereby
18 amended to read as follows:

19 ~~**Secs. 14-81—14-241. Reserved.**~~

20 **Sec. 14-81. - Authority.**

21 This article is adopted under the authority of Article VIII, Section 1(g) of the
22 Florida Constitution; Chapter 125, Florida Statutes; and Article 1 of the Palm Beach
23 County Home Rule Charter.

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25 **SECTION 2.** Section 14-82 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended
26 to read as follows:

27 **Sec. 14-82. - Required written fair notice of termination of residential**
28 **tenancies with specific duration and certain tenancies without specific term;**
29 **written fair notice requirements for rental payment increases for residential**
30 **tenancies with specific duration and certain tenancies without specific term.**

1 (a) A landlord desiring not to renew a residential tenancy with a specific
2 duration as described in Section 83.575(1), Florida Statutes at the end
3 of its term shall give not less than 60 days' written fair notice of non-
4 renewal prior to the end of any tenancy.

5 (b) A landlord desiring to terminate a residential tenancy without a specific
6 term under Section 83.57(1) through (3), Florida Statutes shall give not
7 less than 60 days' written fair notice of termination prior to the end of
8 any tenancy.

9 (c) A residential landlord that proposes to increase the rental rate by more
10 than five percent (5%) at the end of a lease for a specific duration under
11 Section 83.575(1), or during any tenancies without a specific term under
12 Section 83.57(1) through (3), Florida Statutes, must provide not less
13 than 60 days' written fair notice to the tenant before the tenant must
14 either:

15 1) accept the proposed amendment;

16 2) reach an acceptable compromise; or

17 3) reject the proposed amendment to their tenancy.

18 If the required 60 days' written fair notice has been provided and the
19 tenant has not agreed to the proposed amendment or an acceptable
20 compromise, the landlord may impose the proposed amended term(s) or
21 require the tenant(s) to vacate the residence in accordance with the lease
22 agreement and law.

23 (d) The written fair notices required by (a) through (c) above shall run
24 concurrently if a landlord provides both a notice to increase the rental
25 rate by more than 5% and, in lieu of tenant agreeing to such increase or
26 both parties reaching an acceptable compromise, a notice of
27 termination.

28 (e) The requirements of this Ordinance shall apply within incorporated and
29 unincorporated areas of Palm Beach County; except to the extent that
30 this Ordinance conflicts with a municipal ordinance, regardless of the

1 time of passage of the municipal ordinance, or in the event that the
2 governing body of a municipality elects to opt out of this ordinance
3 within its jurisdiction.

4 (f) Except for the notice provisions set forth in subsections (a) through (c),
5 all other provisions set forth in Part II of Chapter 83, Florida Statutes,
6 as such may be amended, shall govern residential tenancies.

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8 **SECTION 3.** Sections 14-83 of the Code of Palm Beach County, Florida, is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **Sec. 14-83. - Enforcement.**

11 (a) Palm Beach County Code Enforcement Officers and any other
12 enforcement personnel as authorized by the County Administrator are
13 authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance within
14 unincorporated Palm Beach County.

15 (b) The violation of any provision of this ordinance may be enforced
16 pursuant to terms and procedures in Chapter 162, F.S., Local
17 Government Code Enforcement Boards Act, as may be amended or
18 recodified from time to time. Pursuant to Section 162.09(2)(d), Florida
19 Statutes, the Palm Beach County Special Master may impose fines that
20 shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per day per violation
21 for a first violation, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per day per
22 violation for a repeat violation, and up to fifteen thousand dollars
23 (\$15,000.00) per violation if the Palm Beach County Special Master
24 finds the violation to be irreparable or irreversible in nature. In
25 determining the amount of the fine, the Palm Beach County Special
26 Master shall consider:

27 1) The gravity of the violation; and

28 2) Any actions taken by the violator to correct the violation; and

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3) Any previous violations committed by the violator.

(c) In incorporated Palm Beach County, this ordinance shall be enforced by any municipal code enforcement officers or any law enforcement agency having jurisdiction of the area within which the residential tenancy at issue is located pursuant to Section 125.69 and Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, or any applicable municipal code enforcement provision.

SECTION 4. Sections 14-84—14-241 of the Code of Palm Beach County, Florida, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Secs. 14-84—14-241. - Reserved.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, paragraph, provision, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is held unconstitutional, inoperative, invalid, or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

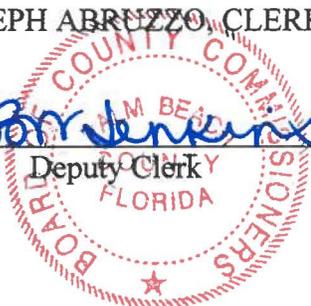
SECTION 6. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or any other appropriate word.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its adoption.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, on this the 13th day of September, 2022.

JOSEPH ABRUZZO, CLERK

By: Joseph Abruzzo
Deputy Clerk

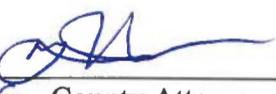


PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Robert Weinroth
Robert Weinroth, Mayor

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
2 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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4 By: 

5 fu County Attorney

Filed with the Department of State on this 15th day of September, 2022.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

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Secretary of State

September 15, 2022

Honorable Joseph Abruzzo
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Palm Beach County
301 North Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Attn: Biaggia Jenkins

Dear Honorable Joseph Abruzzo:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your electronic copy of Palm Beach County Ordinance No. 2022-027, which was filed in this office on September 15, 2022.

Sincerely,

Anya Owens
Program Administrator

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