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Dear Property Owner,

The City of Washington recently passed an Ordinance that requires rental property inspections. Listed below are the exemptions to the program:

Washington Code of Ordinances Chapter 147: Reasons for Exemption

- The property has been used for residential rental purposes in the past, but is not currently being used for these purposes, and the owner does not intend to rent the property within the next year.
- Properties that qualify for the State of Iowa homestead property tax credit.
- The property is a single-family home or dwelling unit occupied by lineal ascendants or descendants of the owner, as defined by Iowa Code Chapter 450.9.
- **The property is a single-family home or dwelling unit owned by a trust, in which a trustee or beneficiary of the trust lives in the home or dwelling unit.**
- The property is located in Continuing Care Retirement Community zoning.
- The property is inspected under the HUD Section 8 program. It shall be the duty of the owner and/or operator of such rental units to provide proof of inspection to the City.
Registration and a fee of \$5 on Section 8 housing is required annually.
- The property is required to be regularly inspected for health and safety standards by the State of Iowa, including but not limited to: Nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hotels, or bed and breakfast inns. Owners of properties claiming exemption under this provision must furnish a copy of the most recent state inspection report if requested by the City Administrator or designate to verify the exemption.

If your property does not meet one of these exemptions, the property needs to be registered and inspected. If your property meets one of the listed exemptions, please fill out the enclosed Affidavit of Exemption and return it to my office. Additional exemption forms can be found on the City's web site washingtioniowa.net.



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