

CITY OF SOMERVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06
IN CITY COUNCIL: April 14, 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOUSING STABILITY NOTIFICATION ACT

Be it ordained by the Somerville City Council in session assembled, that Chapter 7, Article XI of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville is amended as follows:

- (a) In **Sec. 7-282. – Applicability.**, after “in whole or in part, where” adding “(1) a landlord and tenant have entered into a new tenancy as described in Section 7-283(1) below; or (2)”.
- (b) Amending the title of **Sec. 7-283. – Required notice.** to read “**Required notices.**” and, before “Termination of tenancy”, adding

“(1) Inception of the tenancy:


Whenever a landlord enters into a new tenancy with a tenant under written lease, written tenancy-at-will or oral tenancy-at-will, regardless of length, the landlord shall, on or before the fifth day of the tenancy, provide to the tenant a notice of basic tenancy rights and resources which shall also include citations where additional information about such rights and resources can be obtained on-line or in person. The notice shall be in a form approved by the Office of Housing Stability and obtainable on its website. Such notice shall be provided in-hand or by certified mail, in addition to by email if one is available, in English or in Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or Nepali, if the owner, or their agent, knows that this is the tenant's primary language.

(2)”

and, after “in-hand or by certified mail” striking the period and adding “, in English or in Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or Nepali, if the owner knows that this is the tenant's primary language.”

- (c) In **Sec. 7-287. – Effective date.** after “City Council.” adding “Amendments to this ordinance shall become effective 90 days after passage by the City Council. All provisions in effect prior to such amendments shall remain in effect.”

Approved:


President

Approved:


Mayor