



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

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*County Executive*

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Dear Owner/Manager:

This month marks the thirty-fourth year since the expiration of rent controls in Montgomery County. The Voluntary Rent Guideline system in place over these years has helped both government and the real estate industry relate inflationary pressures to rent increase in this region.

The figures from the U.S. Department of Labor on which the Voluntary Rent Guideline are based show the increase in the rent component of the Consumer Price Index for 2016 for the Washington-Metropolitan area to be 1.8 % percent. Based on that information, the Voluntary Rent Guideline for Montgomery County will be set at 1.8 percent.

I realize there are extraordinary pressures on landlords during these difficult economic times, but there are also extraordinary pressures on renters. I hear from them frequently concerning the cost of housing generally and rent increases specifically.

Your cooperation in keeping rent increases moderate and within the guidelines is appreciated. Please direct any questions or observations that you may have about the Guideline to the Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs, Division of Housing, Department of Housing and Community Affairs, at (240) 777-0311.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive