Fair Rent Commissions: Ensuring Equity in Housing Accessibility

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WHAT ARE FAIR RENT COMMISSIONS?

Fair Rent Commissions are municipal boards of volunteers that are empowered to:

(1) stop an unconscionable rent increase and reduce such rent to a fair level,

(2) phase-in a rent increase, or

(3) delay a rent increase until housing code violations are fixed.
TYPES OF CASES:

- Rental Increases
- Unsafe/unhealthy housing conditions
- Reduction of services
- Retaliations
- Joined/Formed Tenants Unions
  (New Haven changed ordinance to officially recognize tenants’ unions)
**PROCESS**

**COMPLAINTS**
- Receive on-line
- Phone
- In-person

**INVESTIGATE**
- Assess the unit
- Obtain info. from parties
- Dept. referrals

**HEARINGS**
- Informal
- Public
Grant full increase, partial increase, increases tied to repairs, or phased in
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