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Landlords going on 50 years  
18 apartments, with only one eviction

In the past City of Bangor consider implementing as Orono had, but found after talking with some of the city council at the time, the fees would have been pass on to the renters increasing affordable housing adding little value

Orono as I understood has the extra monies coming in not sure it helps in anyway landlords or renters

Please remember landlords have to pass along to renters, margins are not that great with the costs of new energy systems oil to gas, electricity, solar, taxes, insurance increases and the higher cost of repairs and flexible interest rates

Orono/old Town causing those area's for students are higher than Bangor, Brewer a fact

In the past talking with the old Town Housing they have less vouchers or pay more for rents to compete for higher rents in Orono/Old Town for low income housing for families in the area in need competing with out of state students and out of state landlords near UMO

Another reason for registration as I understand was so municipalities would have an inventory of housing for their communities

However I understand that information is already captured through code or tax department

Please we talk about affordable Housing this will definitely increase Housing in Maine

Maybe consider looking at sales tax to help, Florida has 6% Maine is 5.25 with all the out of state visitors, it would spread it over more people and less impact on the people without the spendable income in Maine help keep Housing affordable

Think about that, take a penny from everyone resident or non resident instead of raising rents by \$25 to \$50 to a few

Thanks for all you do

Francis Leen

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