



Last November, Initiative 01 – a **Rent Increase Regulations Measure** - passed in the City of Tacoma. The measure purported to provide for tenant rights and instead **made radical changes to the law governing rental properties in the city**. The initiative will:

- hinder swift action against problem tenants and squatters, **posing risks to community safety, cleanliness, and overall livability**.
- lead to **significant financial strain** on city taxpayers.
- disrupt the balance in housing dynamics within our community, likely **affecting housing availability and affordability, all while we are already experiencing a housing crisis**.
- by creating additional costs and steps for resolving disputes with landlords, the initiative is also negative for tenants.

The initiative is not only bad policy - it's bad law. Among other legal deficiencies, the initiative:

- **violates the single subject requirement under Article II, Section 19 of the state constitution.** This important protection ensures transparency, avoids “logrolling” of multiple subjects, and reduces confusion in lawmaking.
- **was outside of the authority of Tacoma to enact.** It conflicted with local and state laws that have long occupied the field of landlord-tenant regulations.

The Citizen Action Defense Fund (CADF), a non-profit, public interest law group based in Olympia, will be filing a lawsuit alongside other partners to stop this initiative from taking effect. The estimated budget for this project is \$100,000, including internal costs and attorney and staff resources to get this matter to a final hearing before a trial court.

Please join us in the legal fight against this unconstitutional initiative by making a tax-deductible donation* at any level today.

Your support of the Citizen Action Defense Fund's ongoing efforts to file lawsuits will have a significant impact on public policy, open government, and tax relief, and this particular case will help businesses and citizens in Tacoma.

Contributions to the Citizen Action Defense Fund can be mailed to 111 21st Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501 or submitted via online contribution at <https://citizenactiondefense.org/contribute/>.

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