

## **48 Hour Notice to Enter**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tenant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Resident,

We notified all residents on \_\_\_[Date]\_\_\_ about the new City of Kent Rental Housing Inspection Program (RHIP), which requires all rental properties with two or more units to conduct health & safety inspections of 20% of their units every three years. This program is important to ensure all rental units are safe and healthy places for tenants to live. For more information about RHIP please visit [www.KentWA.gov/RentalHousingInspection](http://www.KentWA.gov/RentalHousingInspection).

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that an RHIP [inspection/re-inspection] will be occurring in your unit on the date listed below. This letter serves as 48-hour notice as required by RCW 59.18.125 to enter your dwelling unit. Remember this inspection is for health & safety purposes, to make sure tenants have functioning heat, plumbing, appliances, smoke detectors, etc. Tenants have the right to ask inspectors for identification prior to entering.

### **COVID-19**

In accordance with Governor Inslee's directives this program is deemed essential because it is a health & safety inspection. The City understands that some tenants and landlords may have concerns regarding COVID-19. We assure you the following precautions are being taken:

- Inspectors are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing, in accordance with the recommendation of the King County Public Health Officer. The Governor lifted the mask mandate as of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, so masks are no longer required for vaccinated individuals. Tenants are welcome to ask the RHIP inspector to wear a mask, if they have health concerns.
- Inspectors do everything in their power to provide a high quality inspection and limit exposure. The average inspection of a single unit takes less than 15 minutes.
- If you or another member of your household is high risk, exhibiting symptoms, or tested positive for COVID-19, please contact [RHIP@kentwa.gov](mailto:RHIP@kentwa.gov) or (206) 561-3626 and an alternate unit will be selected.

### **Date of Inspection:**

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Inspector Name:**

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [landlord contact information]. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.