



Brokers' fees question

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Hi Alan,

I hear you are heading out on vacation soon, I hope that you have a great time!

At Monday's Community Resources meeting, a question arose about the brokers' fee home rule petition language. Would a tenant who willingly chooses to engage a broker be allowed to do so? The order prohibits any fee being paid "on behalf of a landlord". How would it be determined on whose behalf the broker was working?

This order will be taken up next at our May 9th Legislative Matters meeting, and I hope you'll be able to attend.

Thank you,
Alex

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Alex –

Nothing in the proposed special act modifies the voluntary relationship between the prospective tenant and a broker. The act would prohibit a lessor from compelling a prospective tenant to pay the lessor's broker or compelling the tenant to engage and pay a broker.

I'll be flying home on May 9, so I won't be at LM meeting.

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