



Tenant Foreclosure Rights

Under D.C. law, foreclosure of the landlord is not a reason for eviction. If you are a tenant, and the landlord is in foreclosure, **you do not have to leave. You have the right to stay and pay rent to the new owner.**

If you have been told that your home is in foreclosure, there are some things you can do to protect yourself.

Let the new owner know you are there. If you have received a notice of foreclosure from a bank or from the bank's attorney, you should write back and state that you are a tenant residing in the building or house. You may use the **"Notice of Tenancy" form on the back of this document** to notify the bank or bank's attorney who sent you the notice of foreclosure that you are a tenant. Be sure to keep a copy of your completed form for your records. Mail the original copy of your completed "Notice of Tenancy" form to the bank or bank's lawyer by **certified mail**. By using certified mail, you will receive back from the postal service a receipt stating that your "Notice of Tenancy" form was delivered to and received by the bank or the bank's attorney.

Find out where you should start sending your rent. If your home has a new owner, including a bank, you should start sending your rent to the new owner. Try to contact the bank or its attorney and ask for an address where you can pay rent.

Contact the D.C. Office of Tenant Advocate at (202) 719-6560 or by visiting www.ota.dc.gov. OTA is located at 1250 U Street, NW, 4th Floor.

Contact one of DHCD's grant-funded HUD-certified housing counseling agencies to receive free housing counseling assistance: Housing Counseling Services at (202) 667-7006; Latino Economic Development Corporation at (202) 588-5102; Central American Resource Center at (202) 328-9799; University Legal Services at (202) 889-2196, (202) 547-4747 or (202) 396-1201; and Lydia's House at (202) 588-5102.

Contact a lawyer. If you have questions about what your rights are, you should talk to a lawyer right away. Some organizations that can help are:

- Legal Aid Society: (202) 628-1161
- Bread for the City: (202) 265-2400
- Neighborhood Legal Services: (202) 682-2700
- University Legal Services: (202) 547-4747



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NOTICE OF TENANCY

Date: _____

To whom it may concern:

I recently received a notice about the foreclosure of the property in which I currently reside. I am contacting you to inform you that I wish to continue my tenancy in that property as is my right under DC law.

My contact information is as follows:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Date I moved in: _____

My rent is: _____

Please contact me immediately to let me know where I should send my rent payment.

Thank you.

Signature of tenant

Date