

Virginia Rent Increase Letter

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Date of letter

Tenant name or names

Property address and unit

City, state and ZIP

Dear _____ (Tenant name),

We are writing to let you know about a change to the rent for your home. Starting on _____ (Effective date), the monthly rent will change as shown below.

	Amount
Current monthly rent	
New monthly rent	
Change per month	
Change as a percent	

Why the rent is changing: _____ (Short honest reason, such as higher property taxes, insurance or upkeep costs).

The due date, payment methods and every other term of your lease stay the same. If you pay rent automatically, please update your payment amount before the first payment at the new rate, or tell us and we will help you update it.

Advance notice required in Virginia: Landlords who own more than four rental units must give written notice of a rent increase for the next term at least 60 days before the current lease ends. (Va. Code 55.1-1204(K)) When a tenant stays on after the lease without a new one, a new rent set by written notice takes effect on the next rent due date that is at least 30 days after the notice. (Va. Code 55.1-1253(D))

Rent control or caps: _____ (check the rule in Virginia)

If you are on a fixed-term lease, this change takes effect only when your lease allows it, usually at renewal. If your city or state limits how much or how often rent may rise, this increase is within those limits: _____ (Rule checked and limit that applies, or not applicable).

We know a rent change matters to your budget. If you have questions or would like to talk about your options, please contact _____ (Contact name) at _____ (Phone and email) by _____ (Date).

Thank you for being a resident.

Sincerely,

Landlord or agent signature

Printed name

Date

Delivery record

Date delivered

Delivered by

Method (hand delivery, mail, email, portal)

Tracking or reference number

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