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Rental Inspection Program

The City of Manistee instituted a rental registration program in 2000 pursuant to [City Ordinance, Chapter 1482](#). This program requires that all residential rental units within the City of Manistee be registered and inspected on a three-year cycle. This program helps to protect public safety and ensure the quality of the city’s rental properties. The International Property Maintenance Code is used for inspections.



The program is contracted to SAFEbuilt, who assumed responsibility for the program. All inquiries will be handled from their office.

Fees Per Unit

Registration Certificate (one-time fee)	\$40	Unregistered Rental 1 st Notice	\$200
Inspection	\$90	Unregistered Rental 2 nd Notice	\$400
Re-inspection (if violations require)	\$70	Reinspection Fee 1 st	\$100
Missed/Broken Scheduled Inspection	\$40	Reinspection Fee 2 nd	\$200
Complaint Inspection (Valid)	\$100	Enforcement Letter	\$100

Registration

The owner of a rental dwelling or of any dwelling newly converted to a rental unit shall register the unit prior to allowing occupancy to any tenants. To get started, the [Rental Registration Program Application](#) must be completed. An inspection shall be scheduled for the unit(s) prior to occupancy. This applies to properties that are used for daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, seasonal, or vacation rentals. Landlords must keep their information up to date using the [Rental Program Contact Form](#). Once in the program, if a landlord decides to remove their unit(s), they must contact SAFEbuilt first and complete a [Rental Registration Program Removal Request](#).

Inspections

Inspections are performed on a [three-year cycle](#) (unless your unit is registered out of its cycle, the inspection fee will be the same even if a rental is registered out of its cycle). It is the responsibility of the owner to contact SAFEbuilt to schedule inspections within their cycle year and to contact the tenants with the date/time when the inspector is coming. If you have not contacted SAFEbuilt in your cycle we will schedule your inspection and notify you via email, mail or phone.

The State of Michigan provides a practical guide that explains the rights for [Tenants and Landlords](#).