

**MANCHESTER HOUSING AND FAIR RENT COMMISSION**  
**MANCHESTER ROOM – TOWN HALL**  
**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Hood (Chair), Linda Harris, Christine Carroll, Cyril D’Auria, Jeri Bickford, Sandy Decampos

MEMBERS ABSENT: Collins Johnston, Lindsay M. Gengras, Brenda Earle

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim O’Neil, Administrative Staff Attorney  
Emma Petersen, Principal Comprehensive Planner  
Joel Cox, Director of Human Services  
Dahlia Romanow, CT Fair Housing Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Commission Chair, Kevin Hood. The Commission proceeded to complete the seven (7) hearings, which began at the February 26, 2024, meeting, regarding the following fair rent complaints:

1. Johanna Ayus-Hernandes vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.
2. Eugene Legassie vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.
3. Maria Lotas vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.
4. Krystal Sherman-Davis vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.
5. Carolyn Smith vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.
6. Thomas Strickland vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.
7. Beatrice Stanley vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.

After considering additional testimony presented by Grateful Holdings, LLC., the commission entered into discussion and voted on the outcomes for each individual complaint.

**Johanna Ayus-Hernandes vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.**

The commission voted to uphold the landlord's proposed rent increase to \$1,400, with payments commencing on May 1, 2024, and remain fixed for the next 12 months.

Linda Harris offered a motion for the resolution, which was seconded by Cyril D'Auria, with all members voting in favor.

**Eugene Legassie vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.**

The commission voted to modify the rent increase, setting the amount at \$905, which is lower than the landlord's proposed amount. Payments will commence on May 1, 2024, and remain fixed for the next 12 months.

Linda Harris offered a motion for the resolution, which was seconded by Cyril D'Auria, with members voting 5-0-1.

**Maria Lotas vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.**

The commission voted to modify the rent increase, setting the amount at \$905, with payments beginning on May 1, 2024, and remaining fixed for the next 12 months.

Cyril D'Auria offered a motion for the resolution, which was seconded by Linda Harris, with members voting 3-2-1. The motion passed.

**Krystal Sherman-Davis vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.**

The commission voted to uphold the landlord's proposed rent increase at \$1,150, with payments beginning on May 1, 2024, and remaining fixed for the next 12 months.

Linda Harris offered a motion for the resolution, which was seconded by Christine Carroll, with all members voting in favor.

**Carolyn Smith vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.**

The commission voted to modify the rent increase, setting the amount at \$1,260, which is lower than the landlord's proposed amount. Payments will commence on May 1, 2024, and remain fixed for the next 12 months.

Cyril D'Auria offered a motion for the resolution, which was seconded by Sandra DeCampos, with all members voting in favor.

**Thomas Strickland vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.**

The commission voted to uphold the landlord's proposed rent increase \$1,150, with payments beginning on May 1, 2024, and remaining fixed for the next 12 months.

Jeri Bickford offered a motion for the resolution, which was seconded by Cyril D'Auria, with all members voting in favor.

**Beatrice Stanley vs. Grateful Holdings, LLC.**

The commission voted to modify the rent increase, setting the amount at \$905, which is lower than the landlord's proposed amount. Payments will commence on May 1, 2024, and remain fixed for the next 12 months.

Cyril D'Auria offered a motion for the resolution, which was seconded by Linda Harris, with members voting 4-1-1. The motion passed.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Kevin Hood and seconded by Linda Harris, by a vote of 5-0-1, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Letters outlining the decisions will be sent to all relevant parties.