

# Registration

Registration: ***A city knows where every rental unit is***

Support city verification of **health**, **building** and **fire** safety  
inspections, **first responder** access, and property **value**

Supports city economic interventions such as tax **exemptions** or  
property **taxes**

Currently known through **assessments** supported by building  
departments

Could be found by owner filing, city-wide surveys, **tips** or...?

Examples include Amherst, South Hadley, Pittsfield, Worcester,  
Lowell, Lynn, Chelsea, Yarmouth, Barnstable, Provincetown and

Some exempt owner-occupied homes or just those with three or less  
units, or only require units collecting rent

Rental registries are typically run by **health departments**, but some are  
run by building or other city departments

Complexity, and mixups can **dissuade owners from adding apartments**

Forms and Processes  
Rental registrations typically are  
processes an owner must do with  
including valuation and property  
registration and business certifi-  
cates, utility billing, building and occupancy per-  
mits, and health inspections.

**Each department uses its own**  
so owner's need to fill it out multiple  
places, and addresses and names  
different versions leading to **mix**

Addresses and Owner  
State law requires **identification**  
of units and their owners through the as-  
sessment process.