Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections

DO YOU HAVE A BUILDING THAT MAY BECOME VACANT?

YOU HAVE OPTIONS

KEEP YOUR BUILDING OCCUPIED UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO DO SOMETHING ELSE WITH IT

1 KEEP YOUR TENANTS

You may be able to keep a tenant in your dwelling unit. SDCI staff has options for keeping tenants in a property and timing the end of their tenancy to coincide with permit issuance.

CONTACT: SDCI Property Owner & Tenant Assistance
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2 HOUSE AN ARTSPACE

Artists and arts organizations are often looking for studio spaces, community event spaces, structures for classes, and more!

CONTACT: Seattle Office of Arts & Culture
Matthew Richter - matthew.richter@seattle.gov

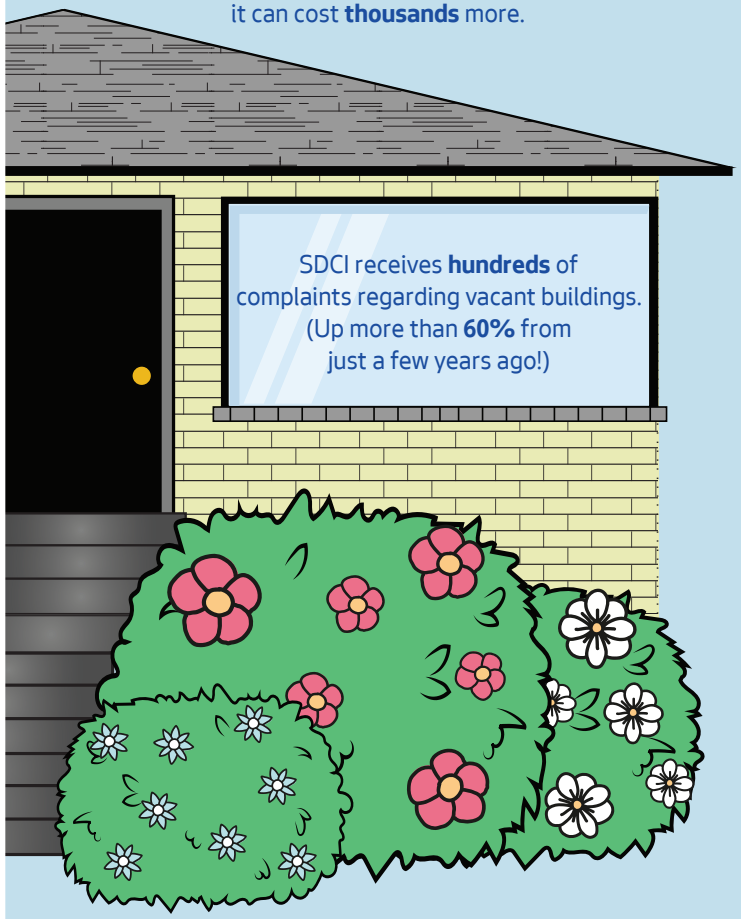
3 HOST A CARETAKER

Some Seattle-based non-profits will place caretakers in homes that are still in good shape. They ensure your property is maintained safely and securely.

FOR EXAMPLE:
Mary's Place - marysplaceseattle.org | **Weld Seattle** - weldseattle.org

Fees for monitoring a vacant building can exceed **$1,200**/year.

If the City cleans up or closes your property for you, it can cost **thousands** more.



SDCI receives **hundreds** of complaints regarding vacant buildings. (Up more than **60%** from just a few years ago!)

Many vacant buildings have been **entered illegally.**

READ MORE:

Tip 601, Unsafe and Vacant Buildings: SDCI's Inspection Program/SFD's Inspection Program

Tip 605, City Regulations for Maintaining Vacant Buildings

Tip 608, Regulations Affecting Buildings Unfit for Human Habitation or Other Use

QUESTIONS? WE CAN HELP!

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