

What is the Westmont Landlord Association?

(www.westmontlandlordassociation.org)

By definition, the Westmont Landlord Association is a Rental Housing Industry Association, to represent the views and opinions of its members towards lobbying the local municipality for fair and reasonable laws that pertain to rental housing, to disseminate pertinent and relative information, and to provide for educational information for the benefit of its members.

The Westmont Landlord Association was chartered on Feb 2, 2010 and is recorded in Cook County as a registered non-profit corporation in the State of Illinois.

The Articles of Incorporation, BYLAWS, Article I, Section I, of the Westmont Landlord Association state the following:

The Westmont Landlord Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") is organized to support, promote, and assist business and professional purposes within the meaning of Section 103.05 of the Illinois General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1996 as amended and within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and specifically to advance the general welfare of the rental property industry by interchanging information, disseminating information, educating the membership, promoting the enactment and enforcement of fair and reasonable laws, and encouraging the practice of sound business ethics in the operation and management of rental properties.

What is the need for this organization?

The enactment of an undefined ordinance to license and regulate Landlords necessitates the need for an organization to assemble and represent the sentiment of the many Landlords in lobbying for fair and reasonable building standards and continuing representation towards fair and reasonable laws that pertain to the rental housing market.

What position is the Association taking concerning the new Ordinance?

The \$30/unit license fee is too high. The City of Waukegan reduced their \$25/unit fee to \$10/unit and that fee should be attainable here in Westmont by streamlining the inspection process.

This undefined ordinance should be replaced by an ordinance or ordinances that are defined and address specific issues.

What benefit is it to me to be a member?

Associations are primarily formed for the mutual benefit of its members to advance themselves, their business, in the industry that they are in by being better informed.

Our mutual benefit will be from whatever successes our Landlord Association has in relation to the new ordinance with the village. In numbers, we represent a certain voting strength in the community in terms of influence. In numbers, our input and feedback to the Village will be vital information towards any new direction that could be influenced by our Landlord Association.

Our individual benefit will be any new information that helps us advance our business forward, from learning about any new tenants rights to learning about how to collect back rent. By being better informed we make better decisions.

These Associations are viewed upon as they are presented and we will be presenting the Westmont Landlord Association as an effort towards advancement.