

Lexington Manor Apartments

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September 25, 2020

Allegheny County Health Department
Office of the Director
542 4th Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15219

Re: SR# HCE-20200817-3706
400 Concord Circle Atp 58
Imperial, Pa 15126

Dear Ian Gillie

Pursuant to Article XI entitled "Hearings and Appeals", we are hereby appealing the noticed received on September 24, 2020 (dated September 17, 2020), and Corrected Notice received September 25, 2020 (dated September 21, 2020) regarding 400 Concord Circle Apt. 58, Imperial, Pa 15126. This unit, along with the unit you refused to tell me the unit number, has been serviced for Bed bugs on 8/04/2020, on 8/11/2020, on 8/18/2020, on 9/05/2020 and again on 9/12/2020, all work orders from Rentokil aka J C Ehrlich Pest Control are enclosed. Not only have the units been treated but the Common Hallway has also been treated. This tenant is not currently residing in the unit, as she has been staying with her boyfriend on and off for long periods for the past year or so. You stated in the report that there is a presence of bed bugs in the entire building and we strongly disagree. We are aware of the two units that have exchanged furniture and the common hall has been inspected and treated. We would like to request a meeting at these units along with the Pest Control Company to rectify this issue as soon as possible, since you stated that this must be done in order for this tenant to reoccupy the unit. I also inspected the units today, September 25, 2020, personally with a Ehrlich Specialist to go through 3 units and the entire common space in the bay in question. We did not find any activity or signs (blood spots) in any of the 3 units or common space. All couches were completely inspected and flipped to inspect underneath, again no signs of activity were found. These units have been treated on 5 separate occasions. During our phone conversation you stated that there was another unit with activity, but you refused to tell me which one, as I am strongly confused as to how it can be deemed a health issue for one and not the other? None the less 3 units have been treated and no further activity has been found.



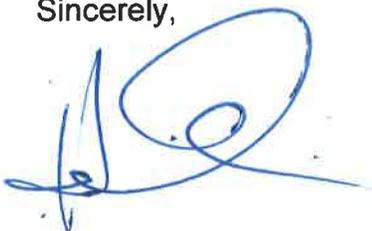
As a landlord we are not in control of where tenants get their furniture from, this tenant in particular informed us that she recently purchased the "show Room" furniture from Aarons Furniture rental, and gave her old sofa to another tenant, and at this point both tenants have contracted bed bugs, not from the property but from their own actions. Both units have had the same amount of treatment on the same days. This particular tenant has also brought furniture in and out of the unit from her boyfriends' multiple homes and from storage units, as per the tenant. Lexington Manor is doing its part by treating the units and common areas and has paid for all services up to this point. But if the tenant continues to travel back and forth from these other homes, there is no way to control her and her family from transporting the bugs back and forth.

We are open to any and all suggestions from the Health Department in controlling this bug situation. We have hired professionals to rectify the situation, but their hands are also tied if the tenants don't control their own actions. .

All reports are enclosed for your review, Ehrlich and myself are available to discuss any of the reports with you, and where we need to go from here. I can be reached at 412-262-1730. We request that the reinspection be completed as soon as possible.

We also were given 12 days to rectify the situation, since we did not even receive the first notice until 9/24/2020, even though the inspection was done on 9/2/2020. If we had not already of been treating the units as of 8/4/2020, this deadline would have been impossible, due to the normal bed bug treatments are performed over a 3 week period.

Sincerely,



Heidi Usselman
Housing Coordinator

Cc: Faon Conley and Jeff O'Brien

