

CHAPTER 209

AN ACT

HB 2706

Relating to self-service storage facilities; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 87.685, 87.686, 87.689 and 87.691.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act and ORS 87.685 to 87.695 are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 87.

SECTION 2. An owner may charge and collect a reasonable fee for an occupant's late payment of rent due for use of an individual storage space in a self-service storage facility. The rental agreement must specify the amount of the fee and the date on which the owner may charge the fee. The owner may charge the fee once in each month in which the occupant fails to pay the rent due or pays the rent due later than the due date specified in the rental agreement. For purposes of this section, a fee is reasonable if the fee does not exceed the greater of \$20 or 20 percent of the monthly rent due for the individual storage space. The owner may charge and collect the late fee in addition to any other fees authorized by law or under the rental agreement.

SECTION 3. ORS 87.685 is amended to read: 87.685. As used in ORS 87.685 to 87.693, *unless the context requires otherwise*:

(1) "Default" means *[the]* a failure to perform in a timely manner any obligation or duty set forth in *[the]* a rental agreement.

(2) "Last known address" means *[the]* a physical or electronic mail address *[provided by the]* that an occupant provided in the latest rental agreement or the physical or electronic mail address *[provided by]* the occupant provided in a subsequent written notice of a change of address.

(3) "Occupant" means a person or a sublessee, successor or assignee of the person who is entitled, under a rental agreement, to the exclusive use of specified individual storage space at a self-service storage facility.

(4) "Owner" means *[the]* an owner, operator, lessor or sublessor of a self-service storage facility or an agent or any other person *[authorized by]* that the owner, operator, lessor or sublessor authorizes to manage the facility or to receive rent from an occupant under a rental agreement.

(5) "Personal property" means movable property that is not affixed to land and includes, but is not limited to, goods, merchandise, household items and watercraft.

(6) "Rental agreement" means *[any]* a written agreement or lease that establishes or modifies *[the]* terms, conditions, rules or any other provisions con-

cerning *[the]* an occupant's use and occupancy of a self-service storage facility.

(7)(a) "Self-service storage facility" means *[any]* real property that is designed and used for *[the purpose of]* renting or leasing individual storage space to occupants who *[are to]* have exclusive access to the storage space *[for the purpose of storing and removing]* to store or remove personal property.

(b) *[The term]* "Self-service storage facility" does not include:

(A) A warehouse or other facility *[used for storage of]* that a person uses to store personal property *[and at]* for which the person that operates the facility issues a warehouse receipt, bill of lading or other document of title *[covering the personal property is issued]* under ORS chapter 77 *[by the person operating the facility. The term "self-service storage facility" does not include];* or

(B) Real property *[used]* that a person uses for residential purposes.

(8) "Verified mail" means any method of mailing that the United States Postal Service or a private delivery service offers that provides evidence of mailing.

SECTION 4. ORS 87.686 is amended to read:

87.686. (1) *[Each]* A rental agreement *[shall describe]* must state whether the owner holds an insurance policy that protects personal property *[of the occupant]* that is stored at the self-service storage facility *[is protected by insurance held by the owner]* identified in the rental agreement.

(2) If the owner holds an insurance policy that protects personal property *[is protected by insurance held by the owner]* stored at the self-service storage facility, the rental agreement *[shall contain a statement describing]* must describe the nature of the insurance coverage.

(3) If the owner does not hold an insurance policy that protects personal property *[is not protected by insurance held by the owner]* stored at the self-service storage facility, the rental agreement *[shall contain a statement indicating that the personal property of the occupant]* must state that the occupant's personal property is not protected by insurance held by the owner.

(4) At the time the occupant signs the rental agreement, the occupant shall initial the applicable statement described in subsection (2) or (3) of this section *[regarding insurance]*.

SECTION 5. ORS 87.689 is amended to read:

87.689. (1) *[The]* An owner may foreclose a lien created by ORS 87.687 *[may be foreclosed]* upon the occupant's default *[by the occupant]*.

(2) Before an owner may foreclose by sale a lien created by ORS 87.687 *[by sale]*, the owner shall *[give notice of]* notify the occupant of the foreclosure and sale *[to the occupant]* by sending registered or certified mail or other verified mail to the occupant's last known address or by sending electronic mail to the occupant's last known

address [sent to the occupant at the last known address of the occupant].

(3) A notice provided under this section [shall] **must** include:

(a) An itemized statement of the owner's claim [showing] **that shows** the sum due [at the time of] **on the date of the** notice.

(b) An identification of the specific [unit rented by] **individual storage space that** the occupant **rented** at the self-service storage facility.

(c) A statement that **denies the occupant** access to the occupant's personal property stored at the self-service storage facility [is denied], if [such denial is permitted under] the terms of the rental agreement **allow the owner to deny access**.

(d) A demand for payment within a specified time **that is** not earlier than 30 days after **the** default.

(e) A conspicuous statement [declaring] **that declares** that, unless the claim is paid within the time stated in the notice, the personal property will be advertised for sale and will be sold at a specified time and place.

(f) The name, street address and telephone number of the owner or the owner's designated agent whom the occupant may contact to respond to the notice.

(4) Any notice given under this section is presumed delivered [when it] **if the notice** is properly addressed with postage prepaid and is deposited with the United States Postal Service **or if the owner has a record or other evidence that shows that the owner sent the notice to an electronic mail address that the occupant designated in the rental agreement for receiving electronic mail**.

SECTION 6. ORS 87.691 is amended to read:

87.691. (1) After the time specified in the notice given under ORS 87.689 expires, if the **owner determines, based on the owner's previous experience, that** the personal property subject to the lien created by ORS 87.687 has a [fair market] value of [\$100] **\$300** or less, the owner may dispose of the property [in] **at the owner's** sole discretion [of the owner].

(2) After the time specified in the notice given under ORS 87.689 expires, if the **owner determines, based on the owner's previous experience, that** the personal property subject to the lien created by ORS 87.687 has a [fair market] value of more than [\$100] **\$300**, the owner shall cause an advertisement of the sale to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county in which the self-service storage facility is located. If there is no newspaper of general circulation in the city or county, the advertisement must be posted in not fewer than six conspicuous places in the neighborhood in which the self-service storage facility is located. The advertisement must include:

(a) The address of the self-service storage facility, the number, if any, of the space where the personal property is located and the name of the occupant.

(b) The time, place and manner of the sale.

(3) The sale of the personal property may not take place earlier than 15 days after the first **advertisement**, publication or posting **concerning the sale**. The sale [shall] **must** conform to the terms stated in the advertisement published or posted under this section.

(4) The owner **may conduct the lien sale without obtaining a license and may offer the personal property for sale on a publicly accessible website that regularly offers personal property for auction or sale, but the owner shall [hold] complete** the sale of the personal property at the self-service storage facility or at a suitable place closest to where the personal property is held or stored.

(5)(a) If the owner [receives no] **does not receive any** bids at the public sale held under this section, the owner may [otherwise] dispose of the **personal property in another manner at the owner's [in the] sole discretion [of the owner]**. The owner may satisfy the lien created by ORS 87.687 and reasonable expenses associated with the disposition from the proceeds of the disposition but shall hold the balance, if any, for delivery on demand to the occupant. If the occupant does not claim the balance of the proceeds within two years [of] **after** the date of the disposition, the owner shall presume the balance is abandoned and shall report and deliver the balance as provided in ORS 98.352.

(b) The owner, an employee of the owner, an affiliate or relative of the owner or an associate or relative of the employee may not acquire, directly or indirectly, property that is subject to disposal under this section.

(6)(a) If personal property that is subject to the lien is a motor vehicle, watercraft or trailer, the owner may have the personal property towed away from the self-service storage facility if:

(A) Rent and other charges for storing the personal property at the self-service storage facility remain unpaid for 60 days or more; and

(B) The owner sends notice as provided in ORS 87.689.

(b) An owner is not liable for damage to personal property that a tower removes from the self-service storage facility once the tower takes possession of the personal property.

(c) A tower has a lien on personal property the tower removes from the self-service storage facility for reasonable towing and storage charges as provided in ORS 98.812.

[6] **(7) Before a sale or other disposition of [the] personal property under this section, the occupant may pay the amount necessary to satisfy the lien and the reasonable expenses incurred under this section and thereby redeem the personal property. Upon receiving payment, the owner shall return the personal property, and thereafter the owner has no liability with respect to the personal property.**

[7] **(8) After a sale under this section, the owner may satisfy the lien created by ORS 87.687**

from the proceeds of the sale, but shall hold the balance, if any, for delivery on demand to the occupant. If the occupant does not claim the balance of the proceeds within two years after the date of sale, the owner shall presume that the balance of the proceeds is abandoned and shall report and deliver the balance as provided in ORS 98.352.

[(8)] (9) A purchaser in good faith of the personal property sold to satisfy a lien created by ORS 87.687 takes the property free of any rights of persons against whom the lien was valid, [*despite noncompli-*

ance by] **even if the owner does not comply** with the requirements of this section and ORS 87.689.

SECTION 7. Section 2 of this 2013 Act and the amendments to ORS 87.685, 87.686, 87.689 and 87.691 by sections 3 to 6 of this 2013 Act apply to rental agreements that an owner and occupant enter into on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act and to foreclosure sales that occur on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.

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