## **TENANTS COSTS**

Thank you for your interest in letting a property through Edwards Estate Agents, below is a schedule of the costs that you can expect when letting a property with us.

Referencing	Prior to the creation of a tenancy, references will be taken on each tenant who is 18 years old, or will be 18 years old during the course of the initial term of the tenancy. In order to commence the referencing process a holding deposit equivalent to one weeks rent will be paid by the tenant. The holding deposit will be used towards the first months rent and deposit if the application is successful.  In the event that the landlord withdraws then the deposit will be returned to the tenant.  In the event that the tenant withdraws from the agreement, fails referencing/right to rent checks due to false or misleading information, whether previously known or not, or does not take the reasonable steps to enter an agreement within 15 days after a holding deposit has been received then the holding deposit will not be returned. Should this happen the reasons will be confirmed in writing to you.  Our application forms will be forwarded to you via DocuSign, the online signature and document system for completion. We also forward our Tenancy Agreements via DocuSign for signature
At Move In	One month's rent in advance and/or a proportion of rent to the 1st of the month  All rents are due on the date the tenancy starts, (eg tenancy start date 8th July – rent is due 8th of the month)
	Deposit equivalent to 5 weeks rent
Further Fees	Pets Should the Landlord agree to a pet being kept at the property there would be an extra charge of £25 pcm per pet.
	Amendment Fee £60 Inc VAT  Where a tenant requests a change to the tenancy agreement, i.e. Pets, Break Clauses, Permitted Occupants and others, there will be a charge of £60 (£50 plus VAT).
	Lost Keys or Security Items  For lost keys, damaged locks. Obtaining necessary permissions, sourcing providers and travel costs. You will be responsible for the associated costs levied by the contractors, management companies and any other related parties in replacing/repairing keys/locks.
	Early Termination  If a tenant requests to leave before the end of their tenancy, they will be required to pay the rent and all utility bills until such time as a new tenant signs an assured shorthold tenancy agreement releasing the tenant from their legal obligations, in addition the tenant will be required to pay the landlords reletting costs.
	Unpaid rent/returned payments Interest is charged at 3% above the Bank of Englands annual percentage rate for each day that the payment is outstanding.

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