

For Immediate Release
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Please Contact People about NPPR

The NPPR is a particularly nasty, unfair charge. Bills were not issued and people were not notified except through the media, if you missed the advertisement or did not understand the terminology used, you could be in for a very nasty shock. If you owned a property that was not your principal private residence between 2009 and 2013 you may have a liability. That could mean a holiday home, rental property or a property you do not live in because you are living abroad or cannot afford to live there.

The legislation takes no account of ability to pay and there is no way to stop the penalties from accruing unless you pay the charge and the penalties. The penalties are severe and one wonders if money lenders could legally charge penalties of this level. Penalties should be appropriate and proportionate and the penalties on this legislation are not but it appears that the Irish State want to disproportionately punish investors in the private rented sector.

Stephen Faughnan, Chairman of the Irish Property Owners Association requests “People to contact their neighbours, friends and acquaintances, particularly people who live abroad or foreign nationals with properties in Ireland as a matter of urgency letting them know about this insidious charge, designed to punish people who invested in property. Please do not assume that people are aware of it. If the charged is settled before 1st September it may save them over three thousand Euro.”

The penalties in this situation need to be reviewed and replaced with fair penalties, just because something is the law does not make it fair. People in Ireland expect the Irish State to treat all its citizens fairly. Write today to your public representatives and outline your objections by demanding a reversal of these punitive penalties.

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