



Should I Rent It?

(Because the right place for you is not just about how cute it is, it's about the numbers and the priorities that actually matter in the long term.)

- Is the rent 30 percent of my monthly income or less?
- Is there a broker's fee?
- If so, can you try and negotiate it down?
- Are utilities included?
- Are pets allowed? Is there a fee?
- Can I pay rent online?
- Is rent stabilized or controlled?
- Who do I call with a maintenance problem?
- Do I need a guarantor?
- Do I need a cosigner?
- Can I break the lease if need be? What are the penalties?
- Have I researched what I need to look out for during the walk-through? For example:
Water? Electricity? Internet connection? Cell service? Window and door up to code? Any existing damage noted and signed off on?

