

Owner Statement Reader

Understand every line on your monthly owner statement — rent in, fees out, maintenance, and what's actually left (net to owner). Fill it in next to your real statement.

Walk your statement line by line

Line on your statement	Amount this month
Rent collected	
Management fee (% of rent)	
Leasing / placement fee (if any)	
Maintenance (approved repairs)	
Other fees (list each)	
Reserve held / released	
Net paid to owner	

What each line should tell you

- ✓ Rent collected — the gross rent actually received this month (not just billed).
- ✓ Management fee — usually a % of rent collected; check it matches your agreement.
- ✓ Maintenance — each repair should be itemized; ask for invoices on larger jobs.
- ✓ Reserve — money the manager holds for future repairs; you should see it move in and out.
- ✓ Net to owner — rent in, minus every fee and cost = what reaches you.

Red flags to question

- ✓ Fees that don't match your written agreement, or fees with no explanation.
- ✓ Maintenance charges with no invoice, or a markup you weren't told about.
- ✓ A reserve that only grows and never gets explained.

IMPORTANT

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