

## CALL TO ACTION

### Make Your Voice Heard!

Join us on **April 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

**Police/Court Campus – 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273**

**Speak out against the proposed City of Mount Vernon ordinance** that threatens landlord rights, increases liability, and undermines fair and accurate tenant screening. Your input matters!

#### **Concerns About the Proposed Ordinance (Section 5.40.030 – Social Security Numbers Not Required & Portable Reports)**

##### **1. Accuracy & Reliability of Portable Reports**

1. Portable (or reusable) screening reports are **not regulated** by any government agency, making them susceptible to **alteration or manipulation**.
2. Instant database screening services often **generate inaccurate or outdated reports**, which can lead to **false information** being used in tenant evaluations.

There are **ongoing lawsuits** against major screening companies, landlords, and property managers due to **erroneous data in instant reports**.

##### **2. Increased Legal & Financial Risk for Landlords**

1. If landlords are forced to accept **potentially unreliable portable reports**, they may unknowingly make rental decisions based on **false information**, increasing liability.
2. Accepting erroneous reports could lead to **Fair Housing complaints or legal action**.

Landlords could be held responsible for denying a qualified tenant or approving a tenant with a **misrepresented background**, impacting the safety of other tenants.

##### **3. Conflict with Existing Laws**

1. The proposed ordinance contradicts the **Washington Fair Tenant Screening Act (2012)**, which **allows landlords to decide** whether to accept a reusable tenant screening report.
2. The current law states that if a landlord chooses to accept a portable report, they **must still have the right** to run their own screening at no cost to the tenant.

The ordinance **removes that choice**, forcing landlords to rely on reports that may not meet their own screening standards.

##### **4. Social Security Number (SSN) Requirements**

1. An SSN is a key identifier that helps verify an applicant's identity and prevent fraudulent applications.
2. Without an SSN, it becomes significantly harder to distinguish between applicants with similar names or common identifiers.

Identity theft and application fraud are on the rise, and an SSN helps landlords confirm that the applicant is who they claim to be.

##### **5. Protecting Landlords from Legal & Financial Risk**

1. If landlords are unable to verify a tenant's financial responsibility due to an incomplete credit history, they risk renting to someone who may default on rent payments.
2. A landlord could unknowingly approve an applicant with a history of unpaid debts, bankruptcies, or

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## IDENTIFYING INVALID SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

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Applications Big and Small

**Identifying Invalid Social Security Numbers**  
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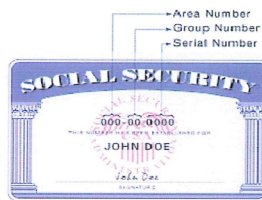
### ABSTRACT

Do you need to check whether Social Security numbers (SSNs) are invalid? An SSN consists of a three-digit area number, a two-digit group number and a four-digit serial number. A list of the valid group numbers for each area is available from a Social Security Administration web page that changes monthly. This paper demonstrates automatic downloading of the list of area and group codes, plus testing for out-of-range values and impossible combinations. The paper assumes knowledge of the DATA step and PROC SQL.

### INTRODUCTION

In the United States, most individuals are identified by a Social Security number (SSN) assigned by the Social Security Administration (SSA). An SSN can be used as a common key for joining information from different sources. If SSNs are invalid, joining different data sources is much more difficult, if not impossible. Therefore, one of the first steps in processing data with SSNs is to identify invalid SSNs. This paper describes a process for checking SSNs.

An SSN consists of three sets of digits. The first set is the three-digit area number. The second set is the two-digit group number. The third set is the four-digit serial number. Often these sets of digits are shown separated by hyphens, so an SSN looks like this: 999-99-9999.



Obviously, instead of guessing which SSNs are invalid, we would like a systematic process for determining their validity. Validating SSNs is required for many different projects (often for each batch of new data), so it is worth investing some effort to develop a good approach. There are several stages in creating a useful process. First, you need to determine what rules apply to SSNs. The best resource is the SSA web site. (See the References section for more information.) Next, plan the checking process and make decisions about the best techniques for each step in the process. Finally, develop static tests for whole SSNs, static tests for each part of SSNs, and dynamic tests for the area and group numbers. These dynamic tests will adjust as valid values for area and group codes change over time.

### SAMPLE DATA

Here are some sample SSNs. So far as we know, these are all fake. Any resemblance to actual SSNs is completely coincidental. Can you guess which SSNs are valid? Some problems are obvious, but other problems are not.

123456789	www123456	206045678	06-648-1234
NR1234567	567890000	248953456	066-48-1234
666786543	086981234	349021234	0664-81-234
800445678	010901234	130964321	02468135
45678AB90	010921234	007105678	246813579
772123456	011025678	150204321	600981234
987654321	011243456	148171234	078051120
234567890	050982222	163851234	
123004567	044131234	163841234	
000345678	221083456	735115678	

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### ALERT! SENT TO US BY A CONCERNED HR DIRECTOR IN WA STATE

**ICE Conducted a raid at Mount Baker Roofing located in Bellingham, Washington. 37 illegal aliens were taken into custody on Wednesday following the execution of a federal search warrant, an ICE spokesperson said in a statement: All of the illegal aliens "had fraudulently represented their immigration status and submitted fraudulent documents and/or information to seek employment were administratively arrested," according to ICE. The worksite operation was part of an ongoing criminal investigation into the unlawful employment of aliens without legal authorization in violation of federal law. ICE Seattle is ramping up arrests.**

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