



Department of Housing and Community Development
Rent Adjustment Program

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NOTICE TO TENANTS OF THE RESIDENTIAL RENT ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

- The City of Oakland has a Residential Rent Adjustment Program (“RAP”) (Chapter 8.22 of the Oakland Municipal Code) that covers most residential rental units built before 1983. It does not apply to units rented under section 8, most single family dwellings and condominiums and some other types of units. For more information on which units are covered, call the RAP office. This Program limits rent increases and some changes in terms of tenancy for covered residential rental property in Oakland.
- You have a right to file a petition with the RAP to contest a rent increase that is greater than the annual general rent increase (the CPI increase). A landlord can increase rent more than the CPI rate, but with some limits, for: capital improvements, operating expense increases, debt service, and deferred annual rent increases. You can also complain about other violations of the Rent Adjustment Ordinance. The landlord must provide you with a written summary of the reasons for any increase greater than the CPI rate if you request one in writing.
- If there is a decrease in the housing services provided to you, this may be considered an increase in your rent. A decrease in housing service includes substantial problems with the condition of a unit.
- To contest a rent increase, you must file a petition with the RAP using the Rent Program’s form, within sixty (60) days after first receiving written notice of the RAP or within sixty (60) days of receiving a notice of rent increase or change in terms of tenancy, whichever is later. You can obtain information and the petition forms from the Rent Adjustment Program office (250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 5313, Oakland, CA 94612) or online at <http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/hcd/rentboard/tenant.html>
- If you contest a rent increase, you must pay your rent, with the contested increase, until you file a petition. After you file your petition, you may pay only the portion of the increase due to the CPI Rent Adjustment percentage if the CPI increase amount has been stated on the notice of rent increase. If it has **not** been stated separately, you may pay only the rent you were paying before the notice of rent increase. If the increase is approved and you did not pay the increase as noticed, you will owe the amount of the increase retroactive to the date it would have been effective under the notice.
- Eviction controls are in effect in the City of Oakland (the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance, O.M.C. 8.22.200, et seq.). You cannot be arbitrarily evicted if your rental unit is covered by the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance. For more information call the Rent Adjustment Office.

Oakland charges landlords a Rent Program Service Fee of \$30 per unit per year. If the landlord pays the fee on time, the landlord is entitled to get half of the fee (\$15) per unit from you. The \$15 you pay for the annual fee is not part of the rent.

The Nuisance Eviction Ordinance (O.M.C. Chapter 8.23) may require that a tenant who commits or permits certain illegal acts in the Rental Unit or on the land on which the unit is located or in the common areas of the rental complex **must** be evicted. If the owner does not evict, the City Attorney may do so.

TENANTS’ SMOKING POLICY DISCLOSURE

- Smoking (circle one) IS or IS NOT permitted in Unit _____, the unit you plan to rent.
- Smoking (circle one) IS or IS NOT permitted in other units of your building. (If both smoking and non-smoking units exist in the tenant’s building, attach a list of units in which smoking is permitted.)
- Smoking is PROHIBITED in all common areas, both indoors and outdoors.
- There (circle one) IS or IS NOT a designated outdoor smoking area. It is located at _____.

I received a copy of this notice on _____

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