



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY RENT REGISTRY Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Los Angeles County Rent Registry (Rent Registry)?

The Rent Registry is a new online service portal where property owners can register rental properties, submit rental unit information, and pay annual rent registration fees as required by the County's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) and Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance (MRSO). The system will also allow property owners and renters to file and submit required documentation, request rent adjustments and pass-throughs, and verify coverage under the RSO and MRSO.

The Rent Registry will launch on **October 1, 2021**.

Are property owners required to register their rental properties?

Yes. Landlords and mobilehome park owners who rent units or mobilehome spaces within unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that are subject to the RSO ([Chapter 8.52](#)) and MRSO ([Chapter 8.57](#)) are required to register all rental units and mobilehome spaces annually, including changes in tenancy, rental rates, and amenities.

When is registration due?

Under Chapters [8.52.080](#) and [8.57.080](#), all rental units and mobilehome spaces must be registered and any fees paid by September 30 of each calendar year.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the initial fee will be waived if properties are registered on or before January 1, 2022.

Which type of rental properties are not required to be registered?

Most rental units in unincorporated Los Angeles County are subject to the RSO and MRSO and require registration. However, the RSO ([Section 8.52.050 H](#)) and the MRSO ([Section 8.57.050 E](#)) allow some exemptions, such as those units and mobilehome spaces that are exempted from rent stabilization under state and federal law. Property Owners must either register or submit an exemption application by September 30. For questions about your coverage, please contact our office.

Is there a fee for property owners to register rental properties with the County?

Yes. A registration fee is required annually upon registration of each rental unit and mobilehome space. [Chapter 8.65](#) establishes the registration fees for Fully Covered Units (*Rent Stabilized*), Mobilehome Spaces, and Just-Cause only units (*subject to Just Cause eviction protections*) listed below. Property Owners of Fully Covered Units and Mobilehome Spaces may pass up to 50% of the annual fee to tenants and mobilehome owners, prorated on a monthly basis.

- ❖ **Just-Cause Only Units:** \$30 per unit
- ❖ **Fully Covered Units:** \$90 per unit
- ❖ **Mobilehome Spaces:** \$90 per mobilehome space

How can property owners pay the registration fee?

Property owners will be able to pay online with a credit card or e-check through the Rent Registry. In-person and mail-in options will also be available with details to follow.

What happens if a property owner does not register rental properties by the due date?

Property owners that fail to register their rental properties and pay the annual registration fee by September 30 may be subject to a penalty in the amount equal to 10% of any unpaid balances of each rental unit or mobilehome space.

How can I access the Rent Registry?

The Rent Registry can be accessed at rentregistry.dcba.lacounty.gov. More details, including user guides and informational webinars, will be forthcoming. For updates and announcements, please visit us at rent.lacounty.gov.

What if I have questions or need assistance completing the registration?

Please contact us at (800) 593-8222 or rentregistry@dcba.lacounty.gov.