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Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Launches Rent Registry Online Portal

Property owners and managers are required to submit rental property information under LA County's Rent Stabilization, Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinances

LOS ANGELES – On October 1, 2021, the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) launched the County's first online Rent Registry. The L.A. County Rent Registry, which contains portals for both property owners and tenants, will allow property owners to register and update property information, report changes in tenancy, pay annual registration fees, track case status and request exemptions. The registry will add enhanced functions in the upcoming months for property owners and tenants, including the ability to submit applications for rent adjustments, as well as property owner requests for capital improvement and primary renovation pass-throughs, and notifications of termination of tenancy directly to DCBA.

Starting today, property owners can register their rental properties at rentregistry.dcba.lacounty.gov. DCBA's Housing and Tenant Protections Division will be hosting informational webinars on the registry for property owners and landlords, and will house helpful materials, user guides, and tutorials on their website at dcba.lacounty.gov/rentregistry.

"Tenant protections are an indispensable tool for housing protection, but effective protection relies on effective administration of housing regulations, which is why we're excited about the launch of the County's innovative online Rent Registry," said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal. "Through the registry, the County will ensure the availability of quality housing for LA County residents, make it easier for property owners and landlords register their rental properties and meet their responsibilities, increase transparency, and improve fairness in the LA County rental market."

Under the County's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) and Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance (MRSO), property owners in unincorporated Los Angeles County are required to register their units or mobilehome spaces by



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September 30 of each year and pay an annual registration fee for each unit or mobilehome space upon registration.

Annual rental registration fees were adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in May 2020, establishing a two-tier fee of \$90 for Fully Covered Units (rent stabilized units and mobilehome spaces under the RSO, MRSO) and \$30 for Just-Cause Only Units (rental units exempt from rent stabilization provisions, but subject to just-cause eviction protections under the RSO, MRSO).

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its substantial financial impact on property owners and tenants, the Board adopted a motion in July 2021 that waived rental registration fees for properties registered by January 1, 2022. After January 1, 2022, registration fees will resume, and late fees will be further assessed for properties registered after the annual deadline of September 30.

For more information on the LA County Rent Registry, visit dcba.lacounty.gov/rentregistry or call (800) 593-8222.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) has served Los Angeles County since 1976. We serve consumers, businesses, and communities through education, advocacy, and complaint resolution. We work every day to educate consumers and small business owners about their rights and responsibilities, mediate disputes, and investigate consumer fraud complaints. We enforce the Minimum Wage and Rent Stabilization ordinances in unincorporated Los Angeles County. For more information, visit dcba.lacounty.gov.

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