



## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S RENT REGISTRY** **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Why did the County adopt a Rent Registry?**

The Rent Registry was established under the County's Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protections Ordinance (RSTPO) and the Mobilehome Rent Stabilization and Mobilehome Owner Protections Ordinance (MRSMOPO). The Rent Registry allows landlords and mobilehome park owners to provide required rental housing information in compliance with the County ordinances, such as changes in tenancy, rental rates, and amenities, as well as pay annual registration fees to administer and enforce the program.

### **Who is required to register?**

Landlords and mobilehome park owners who rent units, rooms, or mobilehome spaces within unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County are required to register and pay registration fees annually. Some units, properties, or mobilehome spaces may be exempt from registration fees. Landlords and mobilehome park owners may submit an exemption request through the Rent Registry. Please visit our website for a full list of properties that are subject to the Rent Registry requirements.

Property owners or mobilehome park owners who occupy a rental unit(s) or mobilehome space(s) and who do not receive rent for any portion of the same property are **NOT required to register**. Please note, if you ever rent your unit(s) or space(s), you will be required to register within thirty (30) days of the tenancy start date.

### **How do I register?**

You can visit our website at [dcba.lacounty.gov/rentregistry/](http://dcba.lacounty.gov/rentregistry/) to be directly connected to the County's Rent Registry. You can also find informational webinars and guides on how to register. Contact our office if you would like a paper registration form.

### **What is the registration deadline, and how much will I have to pay?**

All rental units must be registered, and fees paid by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

### **Registration fees fall into the following categories:**

- **\$90 per Fully Covered Rental Unit\***: Subject to rent restrictions **and** "just cause" eviction protections (e.g. *At-Fault or No-Fault eviction reasons*);
- **\$30 per Partially Covered Rental Unit**: Subject to "Just-Cause" eviction protections **only** (*no rent restrictions*);
- **\$90 per Mobilehome Space\***

\* Up to 50% of the annual registration fee for fully covered rental units and mobilehome spaces may be passed through to tenants and mobilehome owners, prorated on a monthly basis.

### **How do I know if I'm Fully Covered or Partially Covered?**

Fully covered rental units consist of two or more units located on a single parcel (e.g. apartment complexes, duplexes, etc.) in the unincorporated areas of the County, with a Certificate of Occupancy issued on or before February 1, 1995. Partially covered rental units are those units in the unincorporated area of the County that are not Fully Covered or identified as exempt from Chapter 8.52 of the County Code. Contact our office or visit our website for more information regarding coverage under the County's ordinances.

### **How often do I have to register?**

Landlords and mobilehome park owners who rent units or mobilehome spaces within unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County need to register and update rental information **every year on or before September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### **How can I pay the registration fee?**

Landlords and mobilehome park 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 will happen if I don't register or pay fees for my rental unit(s) or mobilehome space(s)?**

Failure to register and pay the annual registration fee by September 30<sup>th</sup> may result in penalties and late fees. Additionally, landlord and mobilehome park owners not current on the required registration fee will not be able to increase rent or pass-through costs to their tenant(s) and mobilehome owner(s).

For questions or assistance, please contact us at (800) 593-8222 or [rentregistry@dcba.lacounty.gov](mailto:rentregistry@dcba.lacounty.gov), or visit our website for more information at [dcba.lacounty.gov/rentregistry/](http://dcba.lacounty.gov/rentregistry/).

