



The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda is the program administrator of the City of Alameda's Rent Program.

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The online **Rent Registry** is available for landlords to submit registration information, pay the annual program fee, and more. Tenants may also create an account to file petitions. Visit registry.alamedarentprogram.org.

The Rent Program does not provide legal advice to landlords or tenants. Staff can make referrals as needed.

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FULLY REGULATED UNITS

- Multi-unit properties built before 1995 (two or more units on a parcel)

PARTIALLY REGULATED UNITS

- Single-family homes, condominiums, multi-unit properties built after 1995
- Units with participants of the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program that are not owned by the Housing Authority or a non-profit organization

EXEMPT UNITS

- Units owned by the Housing Authority or regulated by an agreement
- Accommodations occupied for less than 30 days
- Commercial units
- Institutions
- Mobile homes & houseboats



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Landlord and Tenant Responsibilities & Protections

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General Information

New Tenants

When searching for new tenants, landlords may not employ discriminatory criteria, including source of income, for determining qualified applicants

Landlords must provide new tenants with information about the Rent Ordinance.

Annual Program Fee

The landlord is responsible for the fee. Landlords may pass through 50% of the fee to tenants in 12 equal installments.

Temporary Displacements

Temporary relocation payments are owed when the tenant is temporarily displaced due to a governmental order to vacate the rental unit or due to "health or safety conditions."

Buyout Agreements

A landlord and tenant may negotiate a buyout agreement, by which a tenant agrees to vacate the rental unit (usually in return for money). The agreement must 1) be in writing; 2) state the tenant's rights; and 3) be filed with the Rent Program. A tenant has the right to rescind a signed buyout agreement within 30 days of signing.



Terminations of Tenancy

9 Reasons for Termination of Tenancy:

"For Cause"

- ✓ Failure to pay rent
- ✓ Breach of the lease
- ✓ Failure to give access
- ✓ Nuisance

"No Fault"

- ✓ Owner move-in
- ✓ Demolition
- ✓ Capital improvement plan
- ✓ Withdrawal from the rental market
- ✓ Compliance with governmental order

Relocation payments are owed if a tenant vacates after receiving a rent increase notice above 10%.

Requirements for "No Fault" reasons:

- Landlords must file a copy of the termination notice with the Rent Program
- Notices must have specific information
- Relocation payment owed to all households; enhanced amount owed to households with a renter who is a senior, is a person with a disability, or has a child under the age of 18
- Relocation payment schedule
 - 1st half owed when the tenant confirms to the landlord, in writing, the tenant will vacate the unit;
 - 2nd half owed when the tenant vacates the unit
- Landlord must adhere to any restrictions placed on occupying or renting the unit

Rent Increases



There can be only one rent increase in any 12-month period.



Landlords must register all rental units. "Fully regulated units" must also register any new tenancy or change in ownership. Contact staff if you have unregistered units.

"Fully regulated units" must adhere to the following:

Rent Increase Ceiling

Rent cannot be increased above the Annual General Adjustment (AGA). The AGA is calculated at 70% of the Consumer Price Index and published by the Rent Program annually.

Petitions

Landlords and tenants may file a petition for an upward or downward adjustment in the maximum allowable rent through a binding hearing process.

Capital Improvement Increases

Rent increases may exceed the AGA if the landlord qualifies for an increase under an approved Capital Improvement Plan.

To qualify, improvements must be:

- major, long-term improvements and
- of a certain value