Submit Property Exemption Request

Certain properties are exempt from the Rent Ordinance and the Rent Program Annual Fee. A landlord must submit a Property Exemption request for any property that qualifies to be exempt from the Rent Program Annual Fee.

The Property Exemption applies to registration and the upcoming fiscal year.

The eligible grounds for a Property Exemption:

- Commercial units, such as office condominiums, commercial storage units or units subject to Section 30-15 of the Alameda Municipal Code (Work Live Studios).
- Community cabins
- Dwelling Units in which the Landlord owns the Rental Unit, occupies the Rental Unit as the Landlord's Primary Residence and shares kitchen or bath facilities with one or more Tenants.
- Dwelling Units that are rented or leased to transient guests for 30 consecutive days or less.
- Dwelling Units, regardless of ownership, for which the Rents are subsidized or regulated by federal law or by regulatory agreements between a Landlord and (i) the City, (ii) the Housing Authority or (iii) any agency of the State of California or the Federal Government; provided, however, if the Dwelling Unit is in the Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 Program and is not owned by a public entity or a bonafide not for profit organization dedicated to the provision of affordable housing, as further defined by Regulations, the Dwelling Unit is exempt only as to the rent control provisions of the ordinance. If a Dwelling Unit no longer qualifies for the full or partial exemption under this subsection A, for example, the Landlord withdraws from a subsidy program or a regulatory agreement expires and/or is not renewed, the Dwelling Unit will immediately be subject to all provisions of the ordinance.
- Mobile homes or mobile home lots
- Rooms in a building or Dwelling Unit that provides a structured living environment that has the
 primary purpose of helping formerly homeless persons obtain the skills necessary for
 independent living in permanent housing and where occupancy is limited to a specific period of
 time and where the occupant has been informed in writing of the temporary nature of the
 arrangement at the inception of the occupancy.
- Rooms in a building or Dwelling Unit where the primary use is providing short-term treatment, assistance or therapy for alcohol, drug or other substance abuse and the room is provided incident to the recovery program and where the occupant has been informed in writing of the temporary or transitional nature of the arrangement at the inception of the occupancy.
- Rooms in a convent, monastery, fraternity or sorority house or in a building owned, operated or managed by a bonafide education institution for occupancy by students.
- Rooms in a facility that provide a menu of services including, but not limited to, meals, continuing care, medication management, case management, counseling, transportation and/or a wellness clinic, and for which services an occupancy agreement is typically required, and regardless of whether the occupant must pay additionally for some services.
- Rooms in a facility that require, as part of a person's occupation and use of the room and the
 facility, some or all of the following: intake, case management, counseling and an occupancy
 agreement.

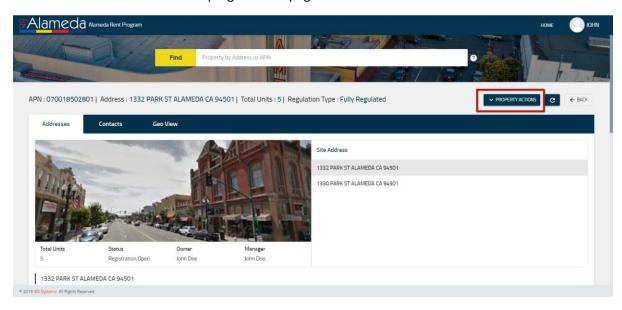
- Rooms in any hospital or in a facility for assisted living, skilled nursing, convalescence or extended care.
- Rooms in hotels, motels, inns, tourist homes, short-term rentals, rooming or boarding houses, provided that such rooms are not occupied by the same occupant or occupants for more than 30 consecutive days.

Please take note:

- 1. Applying for a Property Exemption does not guarantee it will be granted. Staff reviews each submission to determine eligibility.
- 2. The appropriate documentation must be submitted to substantiate the grounds for the exemption.
- 3. If you have already submitted a Property Exemption request, you cannot submit another request unless the Property Exemption request is denied by Alameda Rent Program staff.
- 4. A landlord may only apply for a Property Exemption before registration is submitted when the property status is 'Registration Open' or 'Registration Denied'.

Process to apply for a Property Exemption:

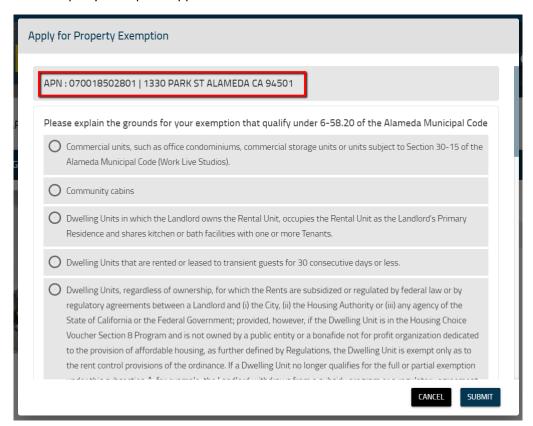
1. Navigate to the Address tab for the property that needs an exemption. Click on the 'PROPERTY ACTIONS' button on the top right of the page.



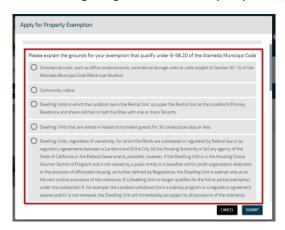
2. A drop-down menu will appear. Select 'Apply for Property Exemption.'



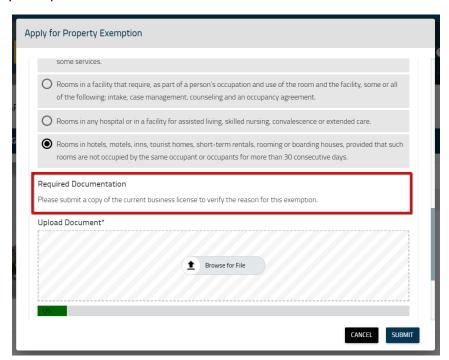
3. The Apply for Property Exemption pop-up window will appear. At the top of the pop-up window, the APN and Primary Address are displayed to verify that the correct APN was selected for the Property Exemption application.



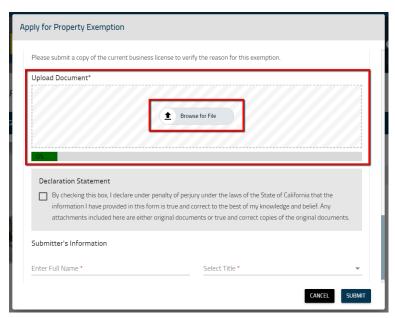
4. Select the applicable grounds for the Property Exemption. Only one option may be selected. Use the scroll bar to see the all eligible grounds for a Property Exemption.



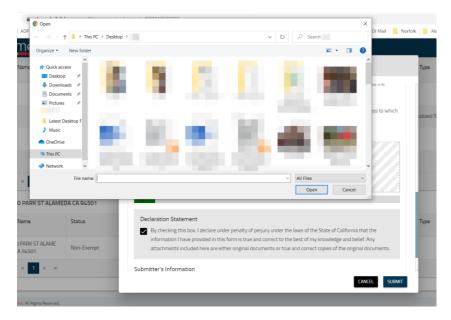
5. Once a selection is made, instructions will appear above the 'Upload Document' section to explain the required documents that must be submitted to substantiate the grounds for the Property Exemption.



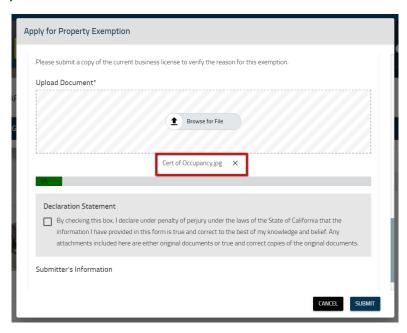
6. Upload the required documentation to the Property Exemption request. Click on the 'Browse for File' area to select a document(s) from your device to upload to the Property Exemption pop-up window.



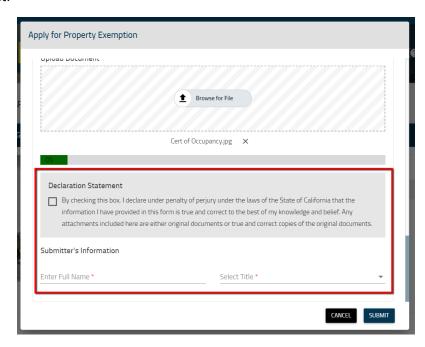
7. Select one or more documents to upload to the Unit Exemption case. Please ensure the uploaded documents meet the Required Documents qualifications



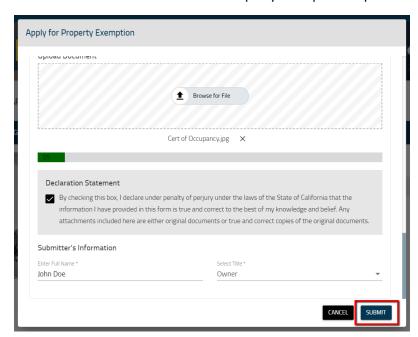
8. Once the appropriate document(s) have been selected and uploaded to the Property Exemption pop-up window, the document names will be listed below the 'Browse for File' area. There is also an 'X' next to each document name, which allows the user to delete the document if it was uploaded by mistake.



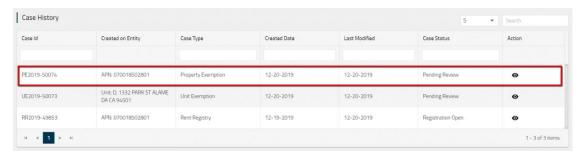
9. Review all information entered on the Property Exemption pop-up window. If all data is accurate, complete the Declaration Statement and Submitter's Information sections. Click on the Declaration Statement check box, enter your Full Name, enter your Title from the dropdown list.



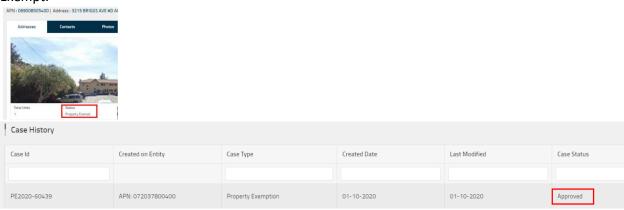
10. Click on the 'SUBMIT' button to submit the Property Exemption request.



11. The Case History section on the Address tab will update to include the new Property Exemption case that was submitted. The cases status will display 'Pending Review.'



- 12. The Alameda Rent Program staff will review the Property Exemption case submission.
- 13. If staff approves the Property Exemption case, the case status will update to 'Approved' in the Case History section. The property status in the section above will be updated to 'Property Exempt.'



14. If the Staff denies the Property Exemption, the case status will update to 'Denied.' Staff will inform the Landlord of the reason the Property Exemption request was denied.

