

City of Santa Rosa



Legislation Text

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REPORT - CITY OF SANTA ROSA RENT STABILIZATION AND OTHER TENANT PROTECTIONS ORDINANCE PROGRAM STAFFING, COST AND FEE ESTIMATE

BACKGROUND: Given the increased housing cost burden faced by many City of Santa Rosa residents, in which rental increases threaten the public health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents, the Council has initiated a program to implement Rent Stabilization and Just Cause for Eviction policies in Santa Rosa. This direction followed an extensive review of rent stabilization programs in California, including options for the implementation of Mediation/Arbitration, Just Cause for Eviction, and Rent Stabilization in Santa Rosa.

On May 3, 2016, the Council provided direction for a rent stabilization/just cause for eviction ordinance and directed staff to proceed with the ordinance. Per the direction of the Council, staff has prepared a Rent Stabilization/Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance for Council consideration.

On August 16, 2016, the Council voted to adopt an ordinance of the City of Santa Rosa adding Chapter 6-90 to the Santa Rosa Municipal Code regarding: 1) Residential Rent Stabilization and Other Tenant Protections for certain rental units within the City of Santa Rosa; 2) A resolution adopting a policy concerning Capital Improvement Plans for certain Rental Units within the City of Santa Rosa; And, 3) Review of preliminary cost estimates to administer the rent stabilization program through June 30, 2017.

Per the direction of the Council, staff has prepared detailed cost estimates to administer the rent stabilization program through June 30, 2017 for Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, adopt the proposed Rent Stabilization and Other Tenant Protections Ordinance program staffing, cost, and fee estimate, and appropriate \$744,059 of General Funds subject to fee reimbursement, to operate the Program through June 30, 2017.

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