

City of Santa Rosa



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Title:	REPORT - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 10-46, HOUSING ANTI-DISCRIMINATION CODE				

BACKGROUND: The Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopted a comprehensive housing strategy as part of its Tier 1 housing goals. A component of the housing strategy is to adopt a local ordinance that prohibits rental housing discrimination against tenants using Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and other forms of rental assistance.

The Department of Housing and Community Services presented a draft ordinance to Council on August 13, 2019. Council requested additional outreach efforts to hear the concerns of rental property owners and tenants using housing subsidies before bringing the draft ordinance back for consideration on September 24, 2019.

The California State Legislature approved Senate Bill 329, introduced by Senator Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles), on September 11, 2019. The Governor has until October 13, 2019 to sign the bill into law. SB 329 is very similar to the proposed ordinance, but there are a few differences. The Council can introduce Chapter 10-46 or, alternatively, allow SB329 to apply, which if signed, would become effective January 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Department of Housing and Community Services that the City Council consider introducing an ordinance adding Chapter 10-46 to the Santa Rosa City Code prohibiting rental housing discrimination based on source of income, including Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and other rent subsidies. Alternatively, the City Council could allow newly proposed State legislation (Senate Bill 329) to apply, which provides similar source of income protections for tenants.

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