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510-981-RENT

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Rent Board Reminders

For Berkeley Property Owners

REGISTER YOUR RENTAL UNITS All rental units covered by the Ordinance should be registered annually by July 1. If registration fees are not paid on time, the penalty is 100%. If you rent out a unit that was formerly exempt, then the unit must be registered within 60 days of date that the unit became covered by the Ordinance.

INCREASE RENTS LAWFULLY Rents can be increased annually according to the Annual General Adjustment (AGA). In most cases rents can be raised by the AGA amount on January 1st of each year. Landlords cannot raise rents during the first two calendar years of a tenancy.

PAY INTEREST ON SECURITY DEPOSIT Landlords must pay interest on tenants' security deposits annually and upon tenant move-out at one of the two rates published on the Berkeley Rent Board's Web site, depending on where the deposit is held. Failure to pay annual interest on the security deposit by January 10 can result in the tenant's right to deduct interest at a rate of 10% from a future rent payment.

BE CAREFUL WHEN CONSIDERING EVICTION Landlords must cite one of the "good causes for eviction" listed in the Berkeley Rent Ordinance in order to evict a tenant. (Expiration of a lease and sale of a property are NOT good causes.) Valid eviction notices must adhere to Ordinance requirements. Landlords considering eviction are urged to call the Rent Board for information on local requirements.

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ANNOUNCING Evictions in Berkeley A Workshop for Landlords

This workshop is a must for any landlord who wants to understand evictions in Berkeley. The seminar will address the particulars of the Eviction for Good Cause Ordinance, and how Berkeley rules tie into the standard eviction process under state law.

Tuesday, March 20th, 6pm
Berkeley Central Library
Meeting Room
2090 Kittredge Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

For more information on this workshop, please contact Matthew Siegel at 510-981-RENT.

New state law on smoking in multifamily buildings has caused confusion for Berkeley rental property owners. We can help! Call:

Tenant screening fees must now be disclosed

According to a recent ordinance adopted by the City Council: Before collecting a fee from prospective tenants to run a credit check or process a rental application, landlords must furnish a “Tenant Screening Fee Rights” statement and disclose the maximum fee allowed under state law.

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