

City of Berkeley

Item No. 7.a.(3)

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
2125 MILVIA STREET
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94704
510-981-7368

July 29, 2009


Re: Waiver of Late Payment of Registration Fees
 DWIGHT WAY

Dear Property Owner:

As you know, the Rent Stabilization Ordinance requires owners of rental property to pay a registration fee for their rental units by July 1st of each year. The Rent Ordinance, adopted by the voters in 1982, requires that a 100% penalty be assessed for any late payment of the registration fees. Our records reflect that your recent payment of the 2009/2010 registration fees was made after the July 1st deadline and, therefore, late.

The purpose of the penalty is to assure that owners pay the fee, allowing the Program to properly function. The penalty is not designed to raise extra revenue for the Program nor to be punitive.

A review of your account indicates that, at least for the past six years, you have maintained a perfect payment history. Because of the excellent way in which you have managed your account, the Elected Rent Stabilization Board has authorized me to administratively forgive the penalty that resulted from your late payment this year. Consequently, under the authority granted me by Rent Board Regulation 883(H), I am pleased to inform you that your penalty has been waived.

I applaud your past payment history and hope that this waiver will encourage your continued timely compliance in the future. However, please be aware that, under current Rent Board regulations, this year's late payment makes you ineligible for an administrative waiver of the entire penalty if you are late paying the registration fees during the next six years.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call our Registration Unit at 981-7368 (981-RENT)..

Sincerely,



JAY KELEKIAN
Executive Director