

AGA & SECURITY DEPOSIT INTEREST INFORMATION

From The Berkeley Rent Board

**2020
AGA is
2.1%**

The Berkeley Rent Board has adopted the **2020 Annual General Adjustment (AGA) of 2.1%**.

Beginning January 2020, landlords may raise rent ceilings by 2.1% after giving tenants a proper written notice of rent increase. A landlord is **not eligible** for the 2020 AGA if a tenancy started in 2019 or if the property is not properly registered with the Rent Board.

**Security
Deposit
Interest is
0.2%**

The 2019 security deposit interest rate is **0.2%**. By the end of December, landlords must refund the annual interest on security deposits to their tenants. Money paid and designated as “last month’s rent” is considered part of the security deposit. Failure to refund the annual interest by January 31, 2020, will result in a 10% penalty on the security deposit. (See Rent Board Regulation 704.)

We Have Helpful AGA & Security Deposit Tools Including:

- AGA Calculator
- Sample Rent Increase Notice
- Security Deposit Interest Calculator

For all this and more, visit our website: www.cityofberkeley.info/rent



You can receive this two weeks earlier by signing up for our AGA Email List. Visit our website to sign up!

More questions? Speak with a Housing Counselor at 510-981-7368 (RENT) or email: rent@cityofberkeley.info

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 4:45 pm except Wed Noon - 6:30 pm

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Security Deposit Update

Failure to pay interest on security deposits by January 31 of each year results in a penalty that is owed to tenants. Tenants no longer have to give the landlord notice in writing of intention to deduct 10% interest from a rent payment.

Tenant Protection Ordinance

The Tenant Protection Ordinance prohibits illegal evictions through the use of fraudulent and/or misleading representations, intimidating conduct, and coercive conduct.

Tenant Buyout Ordinance

Buyouts can be complicated for both tenants and owners. Call a Housing Counselor for the requirements.



24/7 Access to Unit Info

Tenancy data is available online at:
www.cityofberkeley.info/myrentceiling

You may look up your unit information, including the current rent ceiling. Please contact the Rent Board if you believe the information is incorrect.

My Rent Ceiling provides online access to tenancy data, which replaces one of the Rent Board's annual lawful rent ceiling mailings, cutting costs and using less paper.

For more Rent Board Regulations, visit our website:

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