

AGA & SECURITY DEPOSIT INTEREST INFORMATION

From The City of Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board

**2021
AGA is
1.0%**

The Berkeley Rent Board has adopted the **2021 Annual General Adjustment (AGA) of 1.0%**.

Beginning January 2020, landlords may raise rent ceilings by 1.0% after giving tenants a proper written notice of rent increase. A landlord is **not eligible** for the 2021 AGA if a tenancy started in 2020 or if the property is not properly registered with the Rent Board.

**Security
Deposit
Interest is
0.2%**

The 2020 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, 2021, 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

Berkeley Rent Board Services During COVID-19

Shelter-in-Place Order

Consistent with the Health and Shelter-in-Place Orders by the Berkeley Public Health Officer, the Rent Board office is currently closed to the public.

Housing Counseling

Counselors are available via email and phone and will respond to all voicemails and emails within 72 hours of receiving them.

Petitions and Mediations

We are continuing to process petitions and mediation requests. All hearings and mediations are conducted remotely. Counselors are available to help parties with related paperwork and questions.



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 important COVID-19 updates, please visit our webpage with this QR code:



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