



Security Deposit Interest Rate For 2012 Is 0%; No Interest Payment Required

The City's Rent Regulations set 0% as the interest rate that landlords must pay tenants on security deposits held during 2012, therefore no interest payment in January of 2013 is required.

The Rent Regulations require landlords to pay tenants interest on the amount held on deposit every January for the previous calendar year..

The rate is determined by averaging the July 1 regular savings account rates paid by five local banks, and rounding that average to the nearest one-quarter of one percent.

These are the five local banks used and their July 1, 2012 interest rates.



OneWest Bank™

Bank of America	.05%
Wells Fargo Bank	.01%
Citibank	.05%
One West Bank	.15%
US Bank	.05%

The average of the rates is .062%, and rounding to the nearest one-quarter of one percent results in a rate of 0%.

The interest rate set for security deposits has decreased in recent years because banks have been steadily reducing the rate they pay to their savings account customers. However, this is the first time that the banks' rates are so low that no payment of deposit interest is required by the Rent Regulations.

For additional questions contact a Rent Information Coordinator at (323) 848-6450 or rsd@weho.org.

Si no entiende alguna parte de esta notificación, por favor llame al Departamento al (323) 848-6450 y pida hablar con un intérprete en español.

Если вы не понимаете чего-либо в этом тексте, позвоните в Департамент жилья и рента-контроля по тел. (323) 848-6450, и попросите русскоговорящего сотрудника или оставьте сообщение на русском языке.

Pop Quiz: How Much Do You Know?

Test your knowledge of local landlord/tenant law with this 5 question quiz.

1) For units under the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), how often should the interior be painted?

A) every 10 yrs.; B) every 2 yrs.; C) only after the tenant moves; D) every 4 yrs.

2) The City's RSO requires on-site managers of rent stabilized properties with 16 or more units to be available for office hours how often?

A) 1 day per month; B) no

specific requirement; C) 20 hrs. per week; D) 1 hr. per day.

3) What is the maximum late fee allowed under the RSO for rent payments 5 or more days late?

A) 6%; B) 1% C) \$50 D) whatever the lease specifies.

4) Under California law, what is considered reasonable notice by the landlord to enter the tenants unit for maintenance?

A) 24 hrs.; B) 48 hrs.; C)

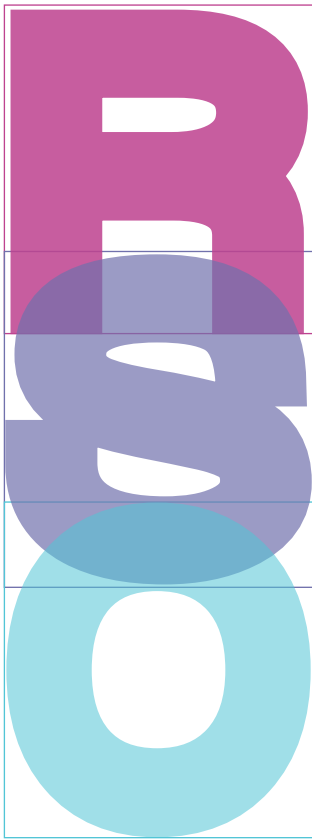
only when allowed by the tenant; D) no notice is necessary.

5) How is the amount of annual general adjustment determined under the RSO?

A) by vote of the City Council; B) by the mortgage interest rate charged by 5 local banks; C) by the rise in the Consumer Price Index; D) by HUD

Check the answers below. Did you do well? Check out the Division's upcoming seminars and do even better.

(1) D; (2) C; (3) C; (4) A; (5) C



Rent Stabilization Ordinance
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BUILDING BLOCKS

A RENT STABILIZATION & HOUSING EDUCATIONAL SERIES

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The Rent Stabilization Division is offering a number of seminars in the upcoming months covering various aspects of rent stabilization, landlord/tenant law, and housing information.

Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Overview

Learn the basics of the RSO, including rules and restrictions on rent increases, general property maintenance, and the difference between “no fault” and “just cause” evictions.

Legal Services and Rent Stabilization staff will lead the discussion.

February 5, 2012 (Tue), 7 p.m.
at Plummer Park (Art Room 2)

July 20 (Sat), 10 a.m.
at West Hollywood Library
(Community Room)

Emergency Preparedness in Multi-Family Residential Units

Learn how to prepare your property and tenants for major emergencies and disasters. What are the essential skills and supplies necessary to survive for three days or more?

Public Safety staff and first responders from the L.A. County Fire Department will lead the discussion.

February 19 (Tue), 7 p.m.
at Plummer Park (Art Room 2)

Evictions and Relocations: A Primer

Understand the eviction law process, including “just cause” evictions, proper noticing, and specifics regarding relocation fees.

Rent Stabilization staff and an attorney specializing in landlord/tenant issues will lead the discussion.

March 12 (Tue), 7 p.m.
at Plummer Park (Art Room 2)

Tenants’ 101 Workshop

Learn your rights and responsibilities under the RSO, including property maintenance, allowable rent increases, and eviction protections.

Rent Stabilization staff will lead the discussion.

April 2 (Tue), 7 p.m.
Plummer Park (Art Room 2)

August 17 (Sat), 10 a.m.
at West Hollywood Library
(Community Room)

**All Seminars
Are Free**

Mediation

Learn more about this informal and voluntary way of resolving disputes between tenants and landlords. Disputes often include property maintenance issues, reduction of housing services, and questions about security deposits. Resolve issues and conflicts amicably.

The City's Mediator, Joel Hecht, will lead the discussion.

April 16 (Tue), 7 p.m.

Plummer Park (Art Room 2)

Basic Property Maintenance

Learn the types of maintenance that are required by the City of West Hollywood's Municipal Code, including habitability standards, security, safety, relocation for tenants during repairs, and proper notice to tenants to enter an apartment.

Rent Stabilization and Code Compliance staff will lead the discussion.

May 7 (Tue), 7 p.m.

Plummer Park (Art Room 2)

First-Time Homebuyer

Learn from experts in the real estate, banking, and insurance industries how to navigate the process of purchasing your first home.

May 21 (Tue), 7 p.m.

Plummer Park (Art Room 2)

Understanding the RSO Hearings and Appeals Process

Rent Stabilization and Legal Services staff, along with a Rent Stabilization Commissioner, will teach you how to prepare for a hearing, what evidence is relevant, and how a hearing is conducted. Are you or the other party appealing a decision? Learn how the appeals process works.

June 6 (Thu), 7 p.m.

Plummer Park (Art Room 2)

Calculating Rent Increases

Maximize your knowledge about proper rent increases. Learn how to calculate the annual general adjustment, how to provide notice of proper rent increases, and when the increases may or may not be taken.

Rent Stabilization staff will lead the discussion.

July 10 (Wed), 10 a.m.

July 18 (Thu), 6:30 p.m.

July 24 (Wed), 10 a.m.

July 31 (Wed), 6:30 p.m.

West Hollywood City Hall (EOC)

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Assistive Listening Devices (ALD) will be available for check out at the meeting. If you require special assistance to participate in this meeting (e.g., a signer for the hearing impaired or transportation), you must submit your request in writing to the Department of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA., 90069 or call (323) 848-6472 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City TDD line for the hearing impaired is (323) 848-6496. For information on public transportation call 323-466-3876 or go to www.metro.net.

For more information or to register for a seminar, please contact:

Tom Trevor
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(323) 848-6472

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Информацию на русском языке вы можете получить по телефону (323) 848-6308.

Для получения информации на русском языке звоните: (323) 848-6308. Если вам необходим переводчик для посещения мероприятия, позвоните нам не позднее, чем за неделю.

Para mas informacion sobre este evento, llamenos al (323) 848-6439.

Si usted desea asistir al evento y necesita los servicios de un intérprete, le pedimos que porfavor nos llame una semana antes del evento al (323) 848-6439.

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Hours

Monday: 8 am to 5 pm
Tuesday: 8 am to 5 pm
Wednesday: 8 am to 5 pm
Thursday: 8 am to 5 pm
Friday: 8 am to 4:30 pm

A Rent Information Coordinator is available at City Hall every Friday, including modified Fridays.

Are You Eligible to Receive a Rebate of Your Rent Registration Fees?

Rent stabilized tenants who are 62 or over, or handicapped, and also qualify as very low income, are eligible to receive a rebate of their portion of the annual rent registration fees paid by landlords to the City. **Changes to the Rent Stabilization Regulations allow rebate applications for the most recent 3 years of an eligible resident's tenancy.**

The registration fee for rent stabilized apartments in West Hollywood is \$120 per year per unit. Landlords may pass through one-half of the fee (\$60) to their rent stabilized tenants, but the \$60 must be pro-rated over 12 months, resulting in a \$5 monthly fee pass-through. Landlords may collect the \$5 fee with the tenants' rent payment.



Rebates of up to \$60 annually for each of the last 3 years will be issued to tenants who paid the \$5 fee to their landlords, and file an application establishing their eligibility. Applicants must be either at least 62 years old, or handicapped, and must also show that their household meets the "very low income" standard set by the federal government for the Los Angeles area. Currently, the very low income standard is:

1-person household	\$29,550
2-person household	\$33,750
3-person household	\$37,950
4-person household	\$42,150
5-person household	\$45,550

CO Detector Installation Due By January 1



The California Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act requires owners of residential rental property in the State to install carbon monoxide

alarms in most units by **January 1, 2013.**

CAL FIRE/Office of the State Fire Marshall is the State agency responsible for providing information about the law, including specifics about device installation and operation. However, the City's Code Compliance Division has posted a Frequently Asked Questions page at the City's web site which should answer most questions. Here is a link;

<http://www.weho.org/index.aspx?page=1191>

Or call Code Compliance at 323-848-6516.

The 3-year window for which rebates are now available begins with September of 2009 and ends with August of 2012. The filing deadline for this 3-year period is August 31, 2013.

If you received a rebate in the past, you do not need to submit a new application, but you do need to confirm your on-going rebate eligibility every year. Personalized questionnaires for this purpose are mailed in October to the City's list of current rebate recipients.

For additional questions, contact a Rent Information Coordinator in the Rent Stabilization Division.

Fee rebate applications are available at the Rent Stabilization counter in City Hall, downloadable at the City's website www.weho.org, or by US Mail and e-mail. To get one, contact a Rent Information Coordinator at (323) 848-6450 or by e-mail at rsd@weho.org. For additional questions, please contact a Rent Information Coordinator as indicated above.

Please note: Tenants who receive Section 8 benefits, tenants in units administered by the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation and tenants in units with a certificate of occupancy dated July 1, 1979 or later are not eligible for the rebate. Their landlords do not charge them the \$5, so the City can not issue a rebate.