



## Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE Amending Title 4, Chapter 32 of the San Leandro Municipal Code Relating to the Rent Review Ordinance

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Leandro adopted the Rent Review Ordinance in 2001 in response to rapidly rising rents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rent Review Ordinance established the Rent Review Board to review proposed rent increases and encourage landlords and tenants to come to mutually satisfactory resolutions of proposed rent increases; and

**WHEREAS**, certain aspects of the Rent Review Ordinance are outdated and require clarification; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff received input from a variety of stakeholders, including the City's Rent Review Board, and directly from the City Council which has led to the proposed amendments to the Rent Review Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Leandro desires to clarify the provisions in the Rent Review Ordinance and revise existing provisions in response to the rapidly transforming rental market in San Leandro as well as in the San Francisco Bay Area as a whole and to modernize and more effectively administer the Rent Review Program and Rent Review Board hearings.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of San Leandro does **ORDAIN** as follows:

**SECTION 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and made a part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2. CEQA.** Approval of the amendments is exempt from further environmental review under the general rule in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. As a series of text amendments and additions, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

**SECTION 3. Approval.** The City Council hereby approves the amendments to the Municipal Code, more particularly, those amending Title 4, Chapter 32 as shown in attached Exhibit A with red-lined amendments, which is incorporated herein by reference and available for review in the City Clerk's office during normal business hours.

**SECTION 4. Severability.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or

enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The City Council of the City of San Leandro hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof is declared invalid or unenforceable.

**SECTION 5. Publication and Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption. The title thereof shall be published once and a complete copy thereof shall be posted on the City Council Chamber bulletin board for five (5) days prior to adoption.

Introduced by Councilmember Thomas on this 1st day of February, 2016, and passed to print by the following called vote:

Members of the Council:

AYES:	Councilmembers Cox, Lee, Lopez, Thomas; Mayor Cutter	(5)
NOES:	Councilmembers Prola, Reed	(2)
ABSENT:	None	(0)