[Emergency Ordinance - Administrative Code - Rent Increases During COVID-19 Pandemic]

Reenactment of emergency ordinance (Ordinance No. 68-20) to temporarily prohibit rent increases that would otherwise be permitted under the Administrative Code, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font. Additions to Codes are in single-underline italics Times New Roman font. Deletions to Codes are in strikethrough italics Times New Roman font. Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (* * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Declaration of Emergency under Charter Section 2.107.
(a) Section 2.107 of the Charter authorizes passage of an emergency ordinance in cases of public emergency affecting life, health, or property, or for the uninterrupted operation of any City or County department or office required to comply with time limitations established by law. An emergency ordinance enacted under Charter Section 2.107 automatically terminates on the 61st day after passage, but may be reenacted upon the same terms and conditions applicable to its initial enactment.
(b) Pursuant to Charter Section 2.107, the City enacted Ordinance No. 68-20, an emergency ordinance, the Rent Increases During COVID-19 Pandemic Ordinance, which temporarily prohibits certain rent increases that would otherwise be permitted under the Administrative Code. The emergency ordinance became effective when it was enacted, on April 24, 2020, and will terminate automatically on June 23, 2020, unless it is reenacted.
(c) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the findings declared in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 68-20 remain valid and compelling, and declares further that an actual emergency continues to exist that requires the reenactment of the Rent Increases During COVID-19 Pandemic Ordinance, to lower the risk of displacement and mitigate the economic harm for renters who have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic is continuing to have severe and lasting economic effects, despite the gradual reopening of the City’s economy. As stated in the Governor’s Executive Order N-66-20, which was issued on May 29, 2020, many Californians (including San Francisco residents) are continuing to experience substantial losses of income, hindering their ability to keep up with their rent, and there is an ongoing need to promote housing security and stability.

Section 2. Reenactment of Emergency Ordinance.
Consistent with Charter Section 2.107, this emergency ordinance reenacts for an additional 60 days the emergency ordinance temporarily prohibiting certain rent increases that would otherwise be permitted under the Administrative Code (Ordinance No. 68-20).

Section 3. Effective Date; Expiration.
This reenacted emergency ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the date of expiration of Ordinance No. 68-20, and shall itself expire on the 61st day following its effective date unless reenacted as provided by Charter Section 2.107, or upon the termination of the emergency, whichever occurs first.

Section 4. Directions to Clerk.
The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to place a copy of this reenacted emergency ordinance in File No. 200362 for Ordinance No. 68-20, and to make a
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1 notation cross-referencing this emergency ordinance where Ordinance No. 68-20 appears on
2 the Board of Supervisors website as legislation passed.
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4 Section 5. Supermajority Vote Required.
5 In accordance with Charter Section 2.107, passage of this reenacted emergency
6 ordinance by the Board of Supervisors requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board
7 of Supervisors.
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9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
10 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney
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12 By: /s/ MANU PRADHAN
13 Deputy City Attorney
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