

RENT OVERCHARGE COMPLAINT

This form is to be used if you believe that the owner of the property that you rent has charged you a higher rent than is permitted by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (City Code Section 27, Article II).

The address where I live is _____
(Street address and unit number, if any)

The individual dwelling that I live in is (check one):

- an apartment
- a portion of an apartment or house
- a condominium building
- a room
- other (specify) _____

My unit at the above address is rented to me by _____
(Name of the person or entity to whom you pay rent)

I can be contacted by telephone at _____ (your telephone number).

I can be contacted by email at _____ (your email address).

Check whichever applies and provide requested information:

- My tenancy began on or before June 2, 2022 and on that date my rent was \$ _____ per month.
- My tenancy began after June 2, 2022, on _____ (date when your tenancy began). My rent at the beginning of my tenancy was \$ _____.

Since June 3, 2022 or the date when my tenancy began (whichever is later), my rent has been increased on the following dates and in the following amounts (list every increase, not just those that you believe to have been improper):

<i>Date of rent increase</i>	<i>Amount or percentage of rent increase</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I believe that my rent has been increased by more than is permitted by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (for example, the ordinance permits a maximum increase of 4% no more than once every 12 months, and on "X" date the owner increased my rent by more than 4% or more than once in a 12-month period):

In addition to the rent described above, the owner has imposed the following charges: (Answer only if the owner charges you separately for any amenity, such as parking, utilities, etc.)

Thing charged for (parking, utilities, etc.)	Amount charged as of June 2, 2022	Amount of increase	Date of increase
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

To my knowledge, the owner has been ordered by the city or by a court to make the following repairs
(*answer only if you have knowledge that such an order has been issued*).

I believe that the owner has overcharged rent in the total amount of \$_____.

I have included with this complaint the following documents that support the statements I have made above:

I understand that this complaint is not anonymous, and that the owner will have the opportunity to respond to my claim of rent overcharge.

I understand that, when considering whether the owner has overcharged rent, the city will consider only matters related to the amount of rent that the owner could lawfully charge, including whether any demand, acceptance, or retention of any increase in rent was authorized by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, and the amount of rent that the owner has actually demanded, accepted, or retained.

Dated: _____ By: _____
(legibly print name)

(signature)

By signing this complaint, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all information that I have provided in this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.