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Beverly Hills City Council Approves Amended Rent Stabilization Urgency Ordinance

Ruling Updates Rent Control Laws by Requiring Payment of Relocation Fees, Limiting Rent Increases and Creating Citywide Rental Registry Program

Beverly Hills, Calif. – The Beverly Hills City Council unanimously approved amendments to the Rent Stabilization Urgency Ordinance requiring landlords to pay a relocation fee of up to \$12,400; limit rent increases to a maximum of 3% per year; and, create a registry program database of multi-family units.

"I am very proud of our City Council for passing this long-overdue ordinance," said Mayor John Mirisch. "Most people who live in Beverly Hills are renters, not homeowners. By expanding our rent control regulations, we are providing stability and support to these extremely important residents and we are strengthening the fabric of our community."

"That being said, we still have much work to do in crafting a long-term ordinance which is fair, balanced and sustainable for all parties, tenants and landlords alike," said Mirisch. "The City is planning on holding numerous facilitated round-table discussions with both tenants and landlords at the table in which we hope to come up with concrete suggestions. With dialogue marked by mutual understanding, goodwill and a spirit of kindness, I'm convinced we will be able to come up with long-term solutions which are fitting for Beverly Hills. It's important to remember that whether landlord or tenant, Beverly Hills is our home and we are all in this together."

Three key changes to Beverly Hills Rent Stabilization are:

- 1) Tenants served a 60-day no-cause termination notice will be entitled to relocation fees that range from \$6,193 for a studio to \$12,394 for two or more bedrooms, and can include an additional \$2,000 for households with a senior, disabled or minor tenant.
- 2) Rent increases are limited to 3% per year, a decrease from 10%. Landlords may go through an administrative appeal process to establish a different rent increase.

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- 3) Creation of a citywide registry program database for approximately 8,600 multi-family units will help proactively monitor compliance with the adopted rent stabilization ordinance.

For more information about Rent Stabilization Urgency Ordinance, go to www.beverlyhills.org/living/rentstabilization. For questions, call Code Enforcement at 310-285-1119.

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