RENT BOARD List of Rent Ordinance Amendments—10/16/23

SUBJECT: Following is a list of all amendments to the Rent Ordinance:

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3	ORD. NO.	DATE SIGNED	RENT ORD. SECTIONS	<u>AMENDMENTS</u>
4	276-79	6/13/79*	Ch. 37	Original Law enacted.
5	295-79	6/22/79*	37.8, 37.9	Providing for filing procedures for tenants receiving rent increases between 6/13/79 and 7/31/79 and
6				clarifying evictions.
7 8	442-79	8/31/79*	37.3	Regarding base rentals for purposes of computing increase (applying Prop. 13 savings).
9	136-80	4/10/80*	37.3	Providing that landlords and tenants be given adequate notice of rent increase guideline in effect
10				on 4/15/80 in order to comply with notice and appeal procedures.
11	172-80	5/2/80*	37.23	Extending law to 11/4/80.
12	197-80	5/9/80	37.2(k)&(m)	Providing for 6-mo. owner residency for exemption; and tenant status for subtenancy.
13	339-80	7/3/80	37.11	Extending Citizens Housing Task Force to
14	339-00	773/60	37.11	12/31/80.
15	358-80	7/25/80	37.3, 37.7, 37.8, 37.9,	Modifying rent increase guidelines to once every 12 mos; allowing Board rules requiring capital
16 17			37.10	improvement certification where independent appraisal found necessary; clarifying directory time
18				limits; permitting rent offsets to implement Board decisions; permitting remands to hearing officers and Board hearings pursuant to appeals; adding
19				advice clause, honest intent and permits eviction requirements; adding civil remedy; and increasing
20				criminal fine to \$2,000.
21	362-80	8/7/80	37.11	Adding 2 members in private housing industry to Citizens Housing Task Force.
22	468-80	9/30/80	37.12	Extending law to 12/1/81.
23	539-80	11/11/80	37.9	Applying Section 37.9 as of 8/24/80.
24	509-81	10/19/81	37.12	Extending law to 4/1/82.
25	4-82	1/8/82	37.9	Providing clarification with respect to evictions.

^{*} Passed as emergency legislation and effective on the date signed by the Mayor. Other Ordinances listed are effective 30 days after date signed by the Mayor.

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	ORD. NO.	DATE SIGNED	RENT ORD.	<u>AMENDMENTS</u>
2	72-82	2/19/82	SECTIONS 37.7	Providing for energy conservation passthrough (ref. Housing Code, Art 12 Section 1201).
3	77-82	3/2/82	37.2, 37.3, 37.8, 37.12	Defining base rent; establishing rent increase limits; revising hearing procedures; increasing filing fees; and repealing termination clause.
5	268-82	6/10/82	37.2, 37.3, 37.8, 37.9	Providing that RAP areas are subject to certain provisions of Section 37.7; and affording Rent Board jurisdiction to administer certain functions of the RAP program.
7 8	421-82	9/1/82	37.2	Extending application of the Rent Ordinance to certain units which are regulated by the federal government.
9	498-82	10/12/82	37.9	Providing increased protection for tenants against retaliation.
11	111-83	3/11/83	37.2, 37.8	Subjecting RAP units to vacancy decontrol consistent with the Rent Ordinance.
12 13 14 15 16	438-83	9/2/83	37.2, 37.3, 37.7, 37.8, 37.9	Transferring the certification of capital improvements, rehabilitation and energy conservation measures from the Real Estate Dept. to the Rent Board and authorizing the Rent Board to establish a filing fee, hire an estimator and conduct certification hearings; extending the time for mailing hearing officer findings; and modifying the definition of capital improvements.
17 18 19	20-84	1/19/84	37.2, 37.6,37.3, 37.10, 37.11, 37.13	Defining utilities and base rent; establishing new annual rent increase limitations; creating new civil remedies and criminal penalties. Repealing Section 37.3, 37.10, 37.11 & 37.13; adding Sections 37.3A, 37.10A & 37.11A; and renumbering Section 37.14 (severability) to 37.12.
20 21	425-84	10/18/84	37.9	Providing that a landlord who resides in the same rental unit with his or her tenant may evict said tenant without just cause.
22 23	193-86	5/30/86	37.2, 37.9	Adding Section 37.9A to provide additional protections for tenants displaced when units are withdrawn from rent or lease.
242526	435-86	11/10/86	37.4, 37.8	Extending the Commissioners' appointment terms to 4 years; and increasing the filing fees.

1	ORD. NO.	DATE <u>SIGNED</u>	RENT ORD. SECTIONS	<u>AMENDMENTS</u>
2	7-87	1/15/87	37.6, 37.9	Providing for the compilation of certain eviction statistics; requiring the filing of certain eviction
3				notices with the Rent Board; limiting the duration of evictions for capital improvements and
4				rehabilitation and providing for payment of moving costs and advice regarding inspection of plans;
5				requiring the District Attorney to investigate owner/relative occupancy evictions.
6	338-87	8/14/87	37.3(c),	Prohibiting tenants who sublease their rental units
7 8			37.3A	from charging their subtenants a higher rent upon occupancy than that rent currently being paid by the tenants to their landlords; and renumbering Section 37.3A to 37.3.
9	278-89	8/2/89	37.7, 37.8	Eliminate filing fees.
10	30-91	1/22/91	37.9	Require at least 25% ownership before evicting a
11				tenant for owner move-in.
12	102-91	3/21/91	37.3	To permit landlords to pass through to tenants 50% of the penalties for exceeding water allotments.
13	127-91	4/2/91	37.3, 37.8	Delete notification requirement of tenants about
14 15				which rent increases are banked from prior years; establish mandatory time limits for filing of certain tenant petitions; establish time limits for appeals;
16 17				establish time limits for judicial review, and to permit landlords or tenants to challenge rent payment, refund, offsetting or adding prior to their taking effect, and to correct clerical errors.
18	192-91	5/31/91	37.9	Clarify the definition of actual damages for wrongful
19				recovery or attempted wrongful recovery of a rental unit to include damages for mental and emotional
20	100.00	E /04 /00	07.0	distress.
21	132-92	5/21/92	37.8	Provide that appeals to the Board must be filed on the next business day if the final day is a Saturday, Sunday or Legal holiday.
22	133-92	5/21/92	37.8A	Provide for a voluntary expedited hearing
23	.00 02	0, 0_		procedure for certain type of cases.
24	179-92	6/22/92	37.8	Provide that tenants may file petitions on the ground that a rent increase was null and void
25				pursuant to 37.3 and that hearing officers may order the payment or refund of such increases to
26				tenants.
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1	ORD. NO.	DATE SIGNED	RENT ORD. SECTIONS	<u>AMENDMENTS</u>
2	221-92	7/14/92	37.8B, 37.2, 37.3, 37.9	Establish an expedited hearing for seismic work pursuant to Chapters 14 and 15 of the Building
3			37.3, 37.9	Code, establish applicability of the Rent Ordinance to these buildings, establish a l0% limitation on
4				certain capital improvement passthroughs for seismic work and establish relocation expenses for
5				demolition of buildings pursuant to Building Code Chapters 14 and 15.
6	961-92*	12/8/92**	37.3	Remove the 4% minimum allowable increase.
7	(Prop. H)			
8	162-93	5/28/93	37.4, 37.7, 37.8, 37.11A	Establish a limitation of 5 years on the filing of capital improvements, to limit rent overpayments to 3 years and change the title of the Executive
				Director.
10 11	233-93	7/22/93	37.2(p)(2)	Provide exemptions for dwelling units solely owned by a non-profit public benefit corporation.
12	363-93	11/18/93	37.8, 37.11A	Limit the amount of rent overpayments hearing officers may refund due to null and void rent increases; also
13				limits amounts recovered in Civil Actions.
1415	320-94	9/15/94	37.9A	Limit payments for relocation assistance to tenants in lower income households who are evicted pursuant to 37.9(a)(10), (Channing Amendment).
16	1004-94* (Prop. I)	12/22/94**	37.2, 37.12	Eliminate owner-occupied exemptions in 2-4 unit buildings.
17 18	446-94	12/30/94	37.2(p)	Limit exemptions for elderly housing to residential care facilities licensed pursuant to CA. Health and Safety Code Chapters 3.2 and 3.3.
19	00.05	4/7/05	07.40	•
20	88-95	4/7/95	37.12	Provide notice to owners and tenants in newly covered units as a result of the passage of Proposition I.
21	405-96	10/21/96	37.3, 37.9	Permit rent increases for lead remediation and create a 14th Just Cause Eviction for lead remediation work.
2223	482-97	12/30/97	37.9	Limits certain owner move-in evictions as they apply to seniors, disabled and catastrophically ill.
24	179-98	5/29/98	37.2, 37.3 & 37.8	To permit 100% passthrough of increases in property taxes due to bond measures approved between
25				November 1996 and November 1998.
26	239-98	7/17/98	37.9	Limits certain owner move-in evictions as they apply to seniors, disabled and catastrophically ill, with clarifying
2728	* Resolution ** Effective date	of Ballot Proposit	tion	and technical changes.

1	ORD. NO.	DATE <u>SIGNED</u>	RENT ORD. SECTIONS	<u>AMENDMENTS</u>
3	250-98	7/31/98	37.2, 37.3 & 37.9	Brings certain federally subsidized rental units under the Rent Ordinance for the purpose of defining base rent, limiting rent increases, and limiting evictions for just cause reasons.
4 5 6	293-98	10/2/98	37.9(a)(8), 37.9B 37.10A & 37.11A	Changes ownership requirement to 50% in certain cases, requires 36 months occupancy, prohibits certain evictions when comparable units are available, adds new notice requirements, relocation costs and discrimination penalties.
7 8 9 10	Prop. G	Effective 12/18/98	37.9(a)(8), 37.9(i)	Changes ownership requirement to 25% in certain cases. Permits only one owner move in eviction per building, allows domestic partners to aggregate interests for eviction purposes, limits relative moveins, makes permanent the moratorium on the eviction of seniors, disabled and catastrophically ill.
11 12 13	237-99	8/30/99	37.2(g), 37.9(a)(2)	Provides that the right to have a specific number of occupants is a housing service; prohibits evictions due to subletting when a written request to do so has been unreasonably withheld.
14 15 16	347-99	12/30/99	37.2, 37.3, 37.5, 37.6, 37.7, 37.8, 37.8A, 37.9 and 37.10	Retitling of Hearing Officers to Administrative Law Judges.
17 18 19	348-99	12/30/99	37.9(a)(13), 37.9A, 37.9(a)(11)	Conforms the Ordinance with the Ellis Act provisions and amendments. Extends notice periods; requires Rent Board recordation of notice of constraints and other administrative functions; expands time to sue to three years.
20	5-00	1/14/00	37.9A	Increases the amount of payments to low-income tenants subject to Ellis evictions to \$4,500.00.
21 22	116-00	6/2/00	37.2, 37.3	Conforms the Ordinance to Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act (CA.Civil Code Sections 1954.50 Et Seq.) Note: This Ord. also amended the Rent
23				Board Fee provisions, Admin. Code Chapter 37A, to require fee payment by those units exempt from rent increase limitations but still subject to eviction
2425				limitation provisions.
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2	Prop. H	Effective 12/21/2000*	37.2, 37.3, 37.3(a)(6),	Limits capital improvement passthroughs to either (a) seismic work or (b) non-seismic
3			37.3(b)(2), 37.7, 37.8A,	work necessary to obtain a fair return; changes amortization period to 20 years, limits annual
4			37.8B	increase to 5% of tenant's rent, and requires one who did seismic work to file petition. Requires
5				bond passthroughs to tenants to be disclosed and approved by the voters and limits rent increases for increased operating and maintenance
6				expenses to 7%.
7 8	29-01	4/1/01	37.8C	Imposes a moratorium on the processing of capital improvement petitions (except for seismic work) until the stay on Proposition H was dissolved
9				(August 10, 2001).
10	135-01	8/5/01	37.9(a)(1)(2)	Prohibits a non-payment of visitor fee from being used as a just cause eviction.
11	Prop. H**	12/21/00***	37.3(a)(6),	Requires bond passthroughs to tenants to be
12			37.3(b)(2)	disclosed and approved by the voters and limits rent increases for increased operating and maintenance expenses to 7%.
13	100.01	0/07/04	07.0(*)(4)	·
14	186-01	9/27/01	37.9(a)(1)	Imposes a six-month moratorium until Feb.10, 2002 for non-payment of capital improvement passthroughs approved by the Rent Board after
15				April 10, 2000 when the petition was filed before August 10, 2001.
16	23-02	2/22/02	37.9	Extend until Feb. 10, 2002 the moratorium for non-
17				payment of capital improvement passthroughs approved after April 10, 2000 when the petition was
18				filed before Aug. 10, 2001.
19	57-02	5/03/02	37.9, 37.9B, 37.10A	Requires the Rent Board to record owner move in eviction notices with Recorder, eviction notices to be
20				in writing, impose use restrictions regardless of any agreement, no waiver of rights unless tenant is
21				represented by independent counsel in a court supervised settlement, bars clauses prohibiting a
22 23				tenant from cooperating with a governmental investigation, requires sellers to provide written
24				notice to buyers of legal grounds for termination of tenancy of any unit delivered vacant and conforms
2 '				misdemeanor provisions to state law.

^{*} Prop. H was stayed by the Court in Quigg v CCSF, et al., on 12/20/00.

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^{**} All other provisions of Prop. H were found unconstitutional and permanently enjoined by the court in <u>Quigg v. CCSF</u>, (Superior Court Case No. 3169281 on Aug. 10, 2001).

^{***} Effective date of Proposition H and the provisions left intact by the Court as of the 8/10/01 decision.

1	ORD. NO.	DATE SIGNED	RENT ORD. SECTIONS	<u>AMENDMENTS</u>
2	62-02	5/03/02	37.6, 37.13, 37.14	Authorizes the Rent Board to promulgate rules and adjudicate disputes arising from the Residential Hotel Visitor Policy (Chapter 41D, Admin. Code).
4 5	107-02	7/5/02	37.6	Authorizes the Rent Board to annually calculate the interest rate to be paid on deposits. Chapter 49 of the Administrative Code now uses the Federal Reserve Discount Rate as the basis for calculation.
6 7 8	02-03	1/19/03	37.2, 37.3, 37.7, 37.8B	Authorizes settlement in Quigg v CCSF, et al. It includes a 50% pass through of bond costs; 50% pass through of capital improvement costs; 100% for buildings of 5 units or less and certain energy
9				improvements; creates new 15 and 20 year amortization periods for certain improvements; requiring Estimator reports for petitions totaling more than \$25,000; and makes the provisions
11 12	Bullard v. Rent Board (2003) 106 Cal App. 4 th 488		37.9	retroactive to Nov. 14, 2002. Deletes requirement in owner move-in evictions to offer a non- comparable available unit to the tenant at a rent controlled rate.
13 14 15	91-03	5/16/03	37.9A	Conforms the Rent Ord. to state law Ellis Act amendments to impose vacancy control constraints for 5 years after withdrawal from the rental market, and to require one-half of relocation payments to be made with the notice to quit.
16 17 18	107-03	5/23/03	37.2, 37.3, 37.8	Implement provisions of Prop. A (Nov.2002) for pass-through of 50% of water bill increases attributable to water rate increases as a result of PUC water bond issuances.
19	222-03	9/05/03	37.4	Create floating alternate Tenant and Landlord Commissioners
20 21	5-04	1/16/04	37.8	Limits Operating and Maintenance passthroughs to 7% in any five- year period for the same
22 23	Baba v. CCSF 124 Cal. App 4	` '	37.9, 37.10A	Deletes 37.10A(c) re criminal liability for certain conduct re evictions and 37.10(g) re procedures for weights.
2425				for waiver of tenant rights.

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2	34-04	3/19/04	37.13	Requires landlord to provided a minimum of one key-set per adult occupant without charge, and
3				extra key(s) upon written request; unreasonable denial of extra key(s) constitutes a decrease in
4				housing services. Adding Section 37.13 and renumbering Section 37.13 (Hearings and
5				Remedies for violation of Hotel Visitor Policies) to 37.14 and Section 37.14 (Severability) to 37.15.
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7	99-04	6/4/04	37.3, 37.9	Requires that in temporary evictions for lead remediation work, the tenant will vacate the unit only for the minimum time required to do the
8				work.
9	282-04	12/03/04	37.9	Allows specified family members and/or
10				domestic partners of a tenant to occupy the rental unit notwithstanding a lease provision
11				limiting the number of occupants, if the landlord has unreasonably denied the tenant's request to
12				add such occupant.
13 14	21-05	1/21/05	37.9, 37.9A	Prohibits withdrawal of residential hotels under the Ellis Act and provides for relocation payments of \$4,500.00 per tenant up to a
15 16				maximum of \$13,500.00 per unit, with an additional \$3,000.00 for elderly or disabled tenants in Ellis evictions, with the amounts to be indexed annually.
17	66-05	4/15/05	37.13	Requires landlord to provide extra key(s) for
18				good reason within 14 days of tenant's written request, and to charge only the documented
19				replication costs; unreasonable denial constitutes a substantial decrease in housing
20				services.
21	73-06	4/20/06	37.14	Authorizes the Rent Board to adjudicate disputes concerning the provision of individual mailboxes
22				to tenants in residential hotels (Chapter 41E, Administrative Code).
23	Prop. B	Approved	37.10A	Requires owners of properties with two or more
24		6/6/06		residential units in San Francisco to disclose certain eviction information to prospective purchasers.
25	178-06	8/8/06	37.2(r)	Requires landlord to have just cause to remove
26	170-00	0/0/00	07.2(1)	certain housing services like parking and storage from a tenancy.
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2	Johnson v. CCS	SE (2006)	37.9A	Deletes requirement that landlord's notice for an
3	137 Cal App.4 th		07.57	Ellis Act eviction must state the amount of relocation payment the owner believes is due to the tenant.
5	251-06	10/11/06	37.6	Directs the Rent Board to compile available data on evictions involving school-age children.
6 7	252-06	10/11/06	37.2, 37.3	Authorizes a 50% passthrough of bond costs resulting from general obligation bonds issued by SFUSD or SF Community College District.
8	281-06	12/20/06	37.2	Amends definition of "rental unit" covered by the
9	201 00	12/20/00	07.2	Ordinance to include units subject only to the low -income housing tax credit (LIHTC) program.
10	Prop. H	Effective	37.9, 37.9B,	Provides for relocation payments of \$4,500.00
11		12/22/06	37.9C	per authorized occupant up to a maximum of \$13,500.00 per unit, with an additional \$3,000.00
12 13				for elderly or disabled tenants, or households with a minor child, in evictions for owner move- in, demolitions, temporary capital improvements,
14				or substantial rehabilitation, with the amounts to be indexed annually.
15	92-07	4/27/07	37.2, 37.9	Makes certain units subject to the Ordinance as
16				provided in an owner's development agreement with the City.
17	33-08	3/17/08	37.9	Requires sellers and purchasers of rental property to give tenants written disclosure of
18				certain tenant rights upon sale of the property.
19	Proposition M	Effective 12/19/08	37.2, 37.10B	Adds "quiet enjoyment, without harassment by the landlord" as a housing service included in a
20				tenant's base rent. Prohibits a landlord and his/her agent or employee from doing specified
21				acts, such as abusing right of entry to unit, threatening or coercing tenant to move, or
22				interfering with tenant's right of privacy, "in bad faith or with ulterior motive or without honest
23 24				intent." Remedies for violation include filing a Rent Board petition for rent reduction, a civil action for actual and punitive damages or
25				injunctive relief, or criminal prosecution as a misdemeanor offense.
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3	28-09	2/20/09	37.2, 37.9	Adds a series of definitions re "Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking."
4				Provides confidentiality protections and defense to nuisance evictions under Section 37.9(a)(3) for
5				tenants who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.
6 7	33-10	2/11/10	37.9	Limits certain owner move-in evictions during the school year as they apply to tenants residing in the unit with a child under 18 years of age.
8 9	60-10	3/25/10	37.2, 37.9D	Provides "just cause" eviction protections to tenants in units that are otherwise exempt from the Rent Ordinance while the person or entity who took title through foreclosure is the owner.
10 11 12	Larson v. CCSF 192 Cal. App. 4 th	•	37.10B	Deletes attorney's fee provision in 37.10B(c)(6) in eviction cases. Deletes 37.10B(a)(7). Limits Rent Board remedies under 37.10B(c)(1) to violations of 37.10B(a)(1)-(3).
13 14 15 16	72-11	4/27/11	37.2, 37.9	Permits a landlord and displaced tenant to agree to temporary Good Samaritan occupancy with reduced rent rate following a certified emergency such as fire, earthquake, landslide, etc., with possibility of eviction or rent increase after expiration of the temporary Good Samaritan Status period.
17 18 19	227-12	11/7/12	37.6(n)	Authorizes the Rent Board to review relocation claims from Current Households related to a Public Housing Development Project, and make advisory recommendations to the San Francisco Housing Authority.
202122	California Civil Code Section 1947.9	Effective 1/1/13	37.9(a)(11), 37.9(a)(14), 37.9C	Annotates 37.9(a)(11), 37.9(a)(14) and 37.9C to reference California Civil Code Section 1947.9, which limits the amount of relocation payments a landlord is required to pay tenants for temporary displacements for less than 20 days.
23 24	203-13	10/3/13	37.7(h), 37.7(i), 37.7(j)	Provides standards and procedures for filing, reviewing and deciding Tenant Capital Improvement Passthrough Hardship Applications for relief from payment of a capital improvement passthrough.
25 26 27 28	277-13	12/18/13	37.6(o)	Authorizes the Rent Board to adjudicate disputes concerning determination by Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development that someone does not qualify as a "Displaced Tenant" as defined in Administrative Code Section 24.8.

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2 3 4	1-14	1/14/14	37.9(I)	Provides that the Rent Board may conduct investigative hearings based on a tenant's allegation of wrongful endeavor to recover possession of the tenant's unit through harassment by the landlord.
5 6	43-14	4/17/14	37.7(a)	Prohibits the costs of legalization of existing dwelling units under Planning Code Section 207.3 from being passed through to tenants as a capital improvement.
7 8 9 10	49-14	4/17/14	37.2(r)(4)(D)	Provides that a new In-Law Unit constructed in the "Castro District" with a waiver of code requirements under Planning Code Section 715.1 shall be subject to the Rent Ordinance if the existing building, or any existing dwelling unit within the building, is already subject to the Rent Ordinance.
11 12 13	44-14	4/18/14	37.9(m)	Requires the Rent Board to annually adjust on March 1 the daily compensation rate specified in California Civil Code Section 1947.9 for temporary dislocation of a tenant household for less than 20 days.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	54-14	5/02/14 Enjoined 10/21/14	37.9A(e)(3)	Provides that each tenant displaced under the Ellis Act is entitled to the greater of (1) the existing rent relocation payment or (2) the difference between the tenant's current rent and the market rental rate for a comparable unit as determined by the Controller's Office, multiplied to cover a 2-year period. Allows a landlord to request a hearing to obtain a revised relocation payment obligation based on (1) undue financial hardship or (2) the market rental rate for a comparable unit. [NOTE: The U.S. District Court enjoined the City from enforcing this amendment on 10/21/14 in Levin v. CCSF, U.S. District Court Case No. 03352, and the amendment was subsequently superseded by Ord. No. 68-15.
2122232425	173-14	7/31/14	37.2(r)	Allows a landlord to temporarily sever specified housing services from the tenancy, including parking and storage, without a "just cause" reason in order to perform mandatory seismic retrofit work required by Building Code Chapter 34B. Tenants will not be entitled to a reduction in rent, but will be entitled to either compensation or a substitute housing service as provided in Administrative Code Chapter 65A.
262728	218-14	operative 2/1/15	37.9(a)(4)	Prohibits a landlord from evicting a tenant for illegal use of the unit based solely on a first-time violation of Planning Code Chapter 41A regulating short-term residential rentals if the violation has been cured

within 30 days of written notice to the tenant.

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3	225-14	operative	37.9E	Requires a landlord to provide the tenant with a
4		3/7/15		Rent Board-approved disclosure form before commencing buyout negotiations, to file with the
5				Rent Board an approved declaration form regarding service of the disclosure form on the tenant, and to
6				file a copy of any buyout agreement with the Rent Board. Imposes other requirements and conditions
7				on buyout agreements and also requires the Rent Board to create a publically available, searchable database of buyout agreements.
8	68-15	5/15/15	37.9A(e)(3)	Provides that each tenant displaced under the Ellis
9			,	Act is entitled to the greater of (1) the existing rent relocation payment or (2) the difference between the
10		Enjoined 10/8/15		tenant's current rent and the market rental rate as determined by the Controller's Office based on data
11				from RealFacts or other analysis of the SF rental market for the prior calendar year, multiplied to
12				cover a two-year period, provided that the tenant submits a sworn declaration to the landlord that the
13				tenant will use the relocation payment solely for relocation costs. Requires a displaced tenant to maintain proof of relocation expenditures for three years and provide such proof to the landlord upon
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15 16				written request. Allows a landlord to request a hearing to obtain a revised relocation payment obligation based on (1) undue financial hardship or
17				(2) the market rental rate for a comparable unit. [NOTE: In <u>Coyne v. CCSF</u> (2017) 9 Cal.App. 5 th
18				1215, the Court of Appeal affirmed the Superior Court's judgment and injunction on the grounds that the amendment was invalid.
19	161-15 and	9/18/15	37.2(r)(4)(D)	Corrects section references and changes language
20	162-15			from "In-Law Unit" to "Accessory Dwelling Unit."
21	171-15	10/9/15	37.3(a)(11), 37.3(f),	Prohibits rent increases solely because of the addition of an occupant to an existing tenancy,
22			37.9(a)(2), 37.9(a)(3),	notwithstanding a lease provision permitting such an increase; allows additional occupants (within
23			37.9(a)(4), 37.9(c),	specified occupancy limits) to occupy the rental unit notwithstanding a lease provision that limits the
24			37.9A(f)(5)	number of occupants or limits or prohibits subletting, if the landlord has unreasonably denied the tenant's
25				request to add such occupant(s); requires landlord to provide 10-day opportunity to cure breach of
26				lease for the unauthorized addition of occupants; amends provisions concerning certain just cause
27				reasons for eviction; changes certain eviction notice requirements; imposes re-rental restrictions after
28				certain no-fault evictions.

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3	204-15	12/3/15	37.6(o)	Authorizes Administrative Law Judges to decide petitions challenging the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's determination that
5				the person does not qualify as a "Neighborhood Resident" as defined in Administrative Code Chapter 47.
6 7	17-16	2/18/16	37.9(c)	Changes eviction notice requirements to include information regarding affordable housing programs.
8	55-16	5/22/16	37.9(j)	Limits certain no-fault evictions during the school year if a child under 18 or a person who works at a
9		Enjoined 8/31/16		school in San Francisco (an "educator") resides in the unit, is a tenant in the unit or has a custodial or family relationship with a tenant in the unit. Deletes
10 11		Ord. Upheld 2/14/18		prior exceptions for certain owners that applied to owner move-in evictions during the school year. On 8/31/16, Ord. 55-16 was enjoined by the SF
12		Review denied		Superior Court (Case No. CPF-16-515087). On 2/14/18, the Court of Appeal issued a published
13		4/25/18		decision upholding the legality of Ord. 55-16 (<u>SFAA v. CCSF</u> , No. A149919). On 4/25/18, the California Supreme Court denied the petition for review.
141516	119-16	7/1/16	37.2(a)(2)(A), 37.2(k), 37.2(r)(4), 37.2(u),	Provides rent increase limitations for rental units occupied by tenants participating in the federal Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) rental subsidy program.
17 18	162-16	8/4/16	37.3(a)(10) 37.2(r)(4)(D)	Revises the definition of "rental unit" by providing that certain newly constructed Accessory Dwelling Units are subject to the Rent Ordinance.
19 20	123-17	6/22/17	37.9A(e)(3)	Requires a landlord to calculate Ellis Act relocation benefits based on all lawful occupants in the unit
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3	160-17	7/27/17	37.6(k), 37.9(a)(8), 37.9(c), 37.9(e), 37.9(f), 37.9B, 37.10A,	Clarifies evidentiary standard for finding that an owner or relative move-in (OMI) eviction was not performed in good faith; extends statute of limitations for wrongful eviction lawsuit following an OMI eviction from one to five years; limits initial rent the landlord may charge a new tenant for a five-year period following service of an OMI notice;
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6			37.11A, 37.11A	strengthens existing law regarding misdemeanor prosecutions; allows a tenant who was charged
7				excess rent during the five-year period following an OMI notice to sue the landlord for treble damages
8				and/or injunctive relief; authorizes non-profit SF tenant rights organizations to sue for wrongful eviction and collection of excess rent following an
10				OMI eviction; creates new reporting and notice requirements for OMI notices served on or after
11				1/1/18; requires the Rent Board to assess administrative penalties on any landlord who fails to comply with the new reporting requirements;
12				extends from three to five years the time period after an OMI notice during which a landlord who intends
13				to re-rent the unit must first offer the unit to the displaced tenant.
14 15	132-18	6/14/18	37.8(e)(4)	Prohibits landlords from seeking rent increases on existing tenants due to increases in debt service
16				and property tax that have resulted from a change in ownership; prohibits landlords from seeking rent
17				increases due to increased management expenses unless the expenses are reasonable and necessary.
18	267-18	11/9/18	37.7(b)(6) 37.8(e)(4)(A)	Prohibits the Rent Board from certifying a capital improvement passthrough to tenants of the costs
19				attributable to compliance with a Fire Life Safety Notice and Order issued by the SF Department of Building Inspection or the SF Fire Department;
20				prohibits the Rent Board from including any such costs in a rent increase based on increased
22				operating and maintenance expenses.
23	005-19	1/25/19	37.10A(i), 37.10A(j), 37.10B(a)(5)	Prohibits landlords of certain units that are exempt from the rent increase limitations of the Rent Ordinance from circumventing eviction controls
24			51.10b(a)(5)	through rent increases; clarifies that a rent increase intended to defraud, intimidate, or coerce a tenant
25				into vacating such a rental unit may qualify as harassment.
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	245-19	12/2/19	37.9(a)(11)	Clarifies that temporary evictions for capital improvements or rehabilitation work are only allowed where the work will make the unit hazardous, unhealthy, and/or uninhabitable, and are intended to last for the minimum amount of time required to complete the work; adds new notice requirements for capital improvement eviction notices; modifies the standards that the Rent Board must consider when reviewing a landlord's Petition for Extension of Time to complete capital improvement work; establishes procedures for the landlord to inform the displaced tenant of the tenant's right to reoccupy the unit upon completion of the work; and states that a landlord's failure to timely allow the tenant to reoccupy the unit may
9				create a rebuttable presumption that the tenancy has been terminated by the landlord rather than by the tenant.
1011	250-19	12/7/19	37.3(a)(6)	Allows tenants to obtain relief from payment of certain general obligation bond passthrough costs due to financial hardship; limits the number of years
12 13				that a landlord can cover in a single general obligation bond passthrough; and extends the time period for tenants to pay such passthroughs.
14 15	296-19	1/20/20	37.2(r) 37.3(a) 37.3(g) 37.9A(b)	Extends eviction controls (but not rent increase limitations) to units that first received a certificate of occupancy after June 13, 1979, or have undergone a substantial rehabilitation; extends the Rent Board
16 17			37.9D(b) 37.10A(i) 37.10B(a)(5)	fee to these units; and makes other non- substantive, technical changes.
18 19	36-20	4/6/20	37.9E	Classifies certain types of unlawful detainer settlement agreements as "Buyout Agreements"; requires additional information on the tenant
20		Partly enjoined		disclosure form; delays the execution of a Buyout Agreement until at least 30 days after buyout negotiations commence; requires the landlord to
21		12/11/20		include additional information in the Buyout Agreement; and allows a tenant to invalidate any
22 23				provision of the Buyout Agreement in which the tenant waived their rights if the landlord did not timely file the Buyout Agreement with the Rent
24				Board. [NOTE: The SF Superior Court enjoined the City from enforcing sections (c) and (i) of this amendment on 12/11/20]
25	78-20	6/22/20	37.9F	Clarifies existing law regarding the enforceability of fixed-term leases, prohibits the use of rental units
2627				for temporary occupancies by non-tenants, requires landlords to disclose in rental advertisements that the units are subject to the Rent Ordinance, and
28				authorize enforcement through administrative and/or civil penalties.

1	89-20	7/13/20	37.9	Temporarily prohibits landlords of residential hotel
2	09-20	7713/20	07.0	units (SROs) from evicting tenants for non-payment of rent that was unpaid due to the COVID-19
				pandemic, and from imposing late fees, penalties, or similar charges arising out of such rent payments.
3				These amendments became inoperative with the enactment of Ord. No. 93-20.
5	93-20	7/27/20	37.9	Temporarily prohibits landlords from evicting
6				residential tenants for non-payment of rent that was unpaid due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and from imposing late fees, penalties, or similar charges
7				arising out of such rent payments.
8	213-20	11/30/20	37.2 37.6	Adopts rent increase limitations for dwelling units at Midtown Park Apartments, a residential
9				development owned by the City and County of San Francisco; and expands the Rent Board fee to cover those dwelling units.
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11	216-20	11/30/20	37.9	Provides temporary eviction protections due to the COVID-19 pandemic by limiting residential evictions
12				through March 31, 2021, unless the eviction is based on the non-payment of rent or is necessary
13				due to violence-related issues or health and safety issues.
14	265-20	1/18/21	37.3	Requires the Rent Board to maintain an inventory of
15			37.15 37.16	all units subject to Chapter 37; requires owners to report certain information to the Rent Board;
16				authorizes the Rent Board to issue a license to owners who report the information; and requires that
17				an owner have a license to impose annual and banked rent increases.
18	29-21	4/12/21	37.9	Extends temporary eviction protections due to the COVID-19 pandemic by limiting residential evictions
19				through June 30, 2021, unless the eviction is based on the non-payment of rent or is necessary due to
20				violence-related issues or health and safety issues.
21	083-21	7/18/21	37.9	Extends temporary eviction protections due to the
22				COVID-19 pandemic by limiting residential evictions through September 30, 2021, unless the eviction is based on the non-payment of rent or is necessary
23				due to violence-related issues or health and safety issues.
24	207-21	12/12/21	37.9	Extends temporary eviction protections due to the
25	201-21	121121	SI .3	COVID-19 pandemic by limiting residential evictions through December 31, 2021, unless the eviction is
26				based on the non-payment of rent or is necessary due to violence-related issues or health and safety
27				issues.
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1 2 3	208-21	12/12/21	37.2(r) 37.9(f)	Creates new filing requirements for applications to construct an ADU under the Planning Code; clarifies existing law that the issuance of a permit to construct an ADU does not constitute a just cause to sever or reduce a tenant housing service.
4	18-22	3/14/22	37.1 37.9	Requires landlords pursuing certain evictions under subsections (a)(1)-(6) to first provide the tenant a
5				written warning letter and 10-day period to cure.
6	034-22	4/11/22	37.9	Prohibits residential evictions for non-payment of rent that came due on or after July 1, 2022, and was
7 8				not paid due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and to prohibit landlords from imposing late fees, penalties, or similar charges on such tenants
9	91-22	7/18/22	37.9A	Clarifies the withdrawal date under the Ellis Act;
10				increases Ellis relocation payments; requires that an owner who re-rents a unit following an Ellis Act
11				eviction must return the entire property to the market, with exceptions for certain owner-occupied units; clarifies that paying punitive damages does
12				not extinguish an owner's re-rental obligations; and deletes inoperative Code sections.
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14	172-22	9/4/22	37.2 37.3	Requires new dwelling units constructed and funded pursuant to Administrative Code Chapter 85 to be
15 16				subject to the rent increase limitations of the Rent Ordinance.
17	210-22	11/28/22	37.2	Requires new dwelling units constructed pursuant to
18			37.3	the density exception in Planning Code Section 207(c)(8) to be subject to the rent increase limitations of the Rent Ordinance.
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20	47-23	5/15/23	37.9	Extends the eviction moratorium enacted by Ord No. 034-22 to cover rent payments that come due
21				within 60 days after the Mayor's emergency proclamation ends.
22	072-23	6/2/23	37.9	Extends the eviction moratorium enacted by Ord
23	01 2 - 2 0	SILILU	01.0	No. 034-22 to include units where the rent is controlled or regulated by the City.
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25	091-23	6/26/23	37.2 37.3	Requires new dwelling units created pursuant to the HOME-SF Program set forth in Section
26				206.3(c)(1)(B) of the Planning Code to be subject to the rent increase limitations of the Rent Ordinance.
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1	160-23	8/28/23	37.2	Amends definition of "rental unit" covered by the Ordinance to include buildings where the owner has obtained tax-exempt multifamily revenue bonds.
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3	195-23	10/16/23	37.2	Requires new dwelling or group housing units
4			37.3	constructed pursuant to the density limit exception to be subject to the rent increase limitations of the Rent Ordinance.
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