

San Francisco Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board

25 Van Ness Avenue #320, San Francisco, CA 94102-6033 <https://sf.gov/rentboard> rentboard.inventory@sfgov.org

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION OF THE RENT BOARD FEE – 2025

S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 37A

Pursuant to S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 37A, the Rent Board may charge a per-unit fee for each residential dwelling unit that is subject to the Rent Ordinance. The fee is due by March 1 of each year. Certain residential units are exempt from the Rent Board fee.

Save time and easily complete your exemption request **by December 13, 2024** at:

<https://portal.sfrb.org>

Exemption Filing Instructions:

1. **If you do not have internet access**, complete your request on the reverse.
2. Exemptions are only allowed under the conditions listed on the reverse.
3. Fill out every item on the form with the requested information - write NONE or N/A if an item does not apply.
4. Sign and date the form – a request is not complete without signature.
5. Attach any required supporting documentation, if needed.
6. Return any paper REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION OF THE RENT BOARD FEE to:
 - o By mail or in person to:
San Francisco Rent Board, 2025 Exemption Request
25 Van Ness Ave. #320
San Francisco, CA 94102
 - o By email to: rentboard.inventory@sfgov.org
7. **You must submit your exemption request by Friday, December 13, 2024.** Late submissions will not be processed.
8. **Incomplete requests will not be processed and may result in an exemption request being denied.**

Fee Exemption Request vs. Housing Inventory Requirements

- Reporting into the Housing Inventory does not satisfy the requirements to request an exemption of the Rent Board Fee.
- Requesting a Rent Board Fee exemption does not satisfy Rent Board Housing Inventory reporting requirements. Property owners are required to report annually into the Rent Board Housing Inventory, even if a Rent Board Fee exemption has been requested and granted.

Billing:

- In January 2025, you will receive a Rent Board Fee Annual Notice that will instruct you how to make payment of the Rent Board Fee. Upon approval of your exemption request, you will still be responsible to pay the Fee for any non-exempt units by March 1, 2025 or else be subject to penalties.

Unit Type	Dwelling Unit	SRO Guest Unit
Per Unit Fee for 2025	\$59.00	\$29.50

- If the Fee is not paid by March 1, 2025, a penalty of 5% will be added to the amount owed, plus an additional 5% for each successive month, for a maximum penalty of 15%.
- Fees that have not been paid in full by June 1, 2025 will be referred to the City's Bureau of Delinquent Revenue with additional costs added to the principal charges.



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↓ Owner Information ↓

Owner/Agent First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Owner/Agent Full Mailing Address

Primary Phone Number Email Address

↓ Residential Property Information ↓

Block / Lot Number of Residential Units + Number of Commercial Units = Total Number of Units

Full Property Address Including Address Range, e.g. 1200-1242 Main Street

My property currently has ___ number of units with a granted Rent Board Fee Exemption from prior years. (Refer to Exempt Units on 2025 Informational Notice)

Additional Number of Units for Which I am Requesting an Exemption: ___ Indicate Which Addresses/Unit #: ___

↓ Exemption Request Information ↓

I am requesting an exemption from the Rent Board Fee for one of the following reasons:

The following unit(s) ___ are exempt because my:

- single family home, condominium, co-op, or apartment unit(s) are occupied by an owner of record and:
 - The unit(s) are not rented at any time.**
 - The unit(s) are not VACANT.**
 - The unit(s) are not solely occupied by children or relatives not on title as owner.**

The following unit(s) ___ are exempt because they are controlled or regulated by a government unit, agency, or authority (other than the San Francisco Rent Board).

Attached is documentation from that governmental agency showing regulation of rents, such as proof of Section 8.

The following hotel guest room(s) ___ are exempt because they are not rented for residential use and are designated for tourist use under the Residential Hotel Ordinance.

Attached is the most current Certificate of Use from the Housing Inspection Division of DBI.

The following unit(s) ___ are a housing accommodation in a:

- hospital, convent, monastery, extended care facility, state licensed home for the elderly, a dormitory owned and operated by an institution of higher education, a high school, or an elementary school.

Attached is a Department of Social Services Certificate.

The following unit(s) ___ are in a **non-profit cooperative** owned, occupied, and controlled by a majority of the residents. (property owner or tenant with non-profit status alone does not qualify for this exemption)

Attached is a copy of the non-profit 501(c) document currently on file with the Secretary of the State.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. THIS EXEMPTION REQUEST WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT SIGNATURE.

Signed

Dated