

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Collection of Rent Board Fee]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Rent Board to collect the Rent Board fee through invoices rather than through the property tax bill; to impose penalties in the event of non-payment of the fee; and to clarify existing law regarding the procedures for landlords to recover a portion of the fee from their tenants.

Existing Law

The City imposes a fee on owners of residential property to fund the Rent Board's costs of administering the Rent Ordinance. Currently the fee is collected by means of an additional charge that appears on the property tax bill, and failure to pay the fee is enforced similar to a failure to pay the property taxes.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would remove the fee from the property tax bill. Instead, the Rent Board would issue invoices to all owners who are subject to the fee. Failure to pay the fee on time would result in penalties of 5% per month. After three months, the Rent Board would refer the matter to the Bureau of Delinquent Revenues for collection.

Background Information

The ordinance is intended to align Rent Board fee collection practices with other fees that are collected through invoices rather than via the property tax bill. With the exception of penalties for late payment, the manner of calculating the fees would not change.

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