

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(Amended in Committee – July 28, 202)

[Administrative Code - Ban on Automated Rent-Setting]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to authorize tenant’s rights organizations to enforce the prohibition against landlords’ use of algorithmic devices to set rents or manage occupancy levels for residential dwelling units located in San Francisco.

Existing Law

City law prohibits landlords from using “algorithmic devices” when setting rents or occupancy levels for residential rental units in San Francisco. For purposes of this law, an “algorithmic device” is a device such as a software program, sometimes known as revenue management software, that uses algorithms to analyze non-public competitor rental data for the purposes of recommending to landlords when to leave their units vacant or how much rent to charge. The City Attorney and individual tenants may file civil lawsuits against landlords to enforce this law.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would also allow tenants’ rights organizations to file civil lawsuits to enforce the prohibition on landlords use of algorithmic devices.

Background Information

On July 29, 2024, the ordinance was created as a duplicate of File No. 240766, which was later enacted into law as Ordinance No. 224-24.

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