

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(9/17/2013, Amended in Board)

[Administrative Code - Residential Rent Ordinance, Tenant Financial Hardship Applications for Relief from Landlord Passthrough of Capital Improvement Costs]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to provide standards for Residential Tenant Financial Hardship Applications seeking relief from landlord passthrough of capital improvement costs to a tenant, and procedures for reviewing and deciding the applications; and to require the Rent Board to provide notice to tenants regarding financial hardship application procedures, when a landlord applies for certification of capital improvement costs.

Existing Law

The current Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance (“Rent Ordinance,” Administrative Code Chapter 37) includes a basic provision allowing tenants to file financial hardship applications for relief from landlord passthrough of certified capital improvement costs to tenants. (Administrative Code §37.7(h).)

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation would add more detailed provisions regarding the financial hardship applications, by providing tenant eligibility standards, and providing procedures for reviewing and deciding the applications, including a landlord option for requesting hearing on the application. The legislation would also add specified notice to tenants when a landlord applies for certification of capital improvement costs. (Administrative Code §§37.7(i), (j).)

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