RENT REVIEW PROGRAM STATUS REPORT FOR SEJC - MAY 7, 2019

OVERVIEW

On June 4, 2018, the Albany City Council approved an ordinance that added Section 5-25 "Rent Review" to the Albany Municipal Code establishing a rent review program. The ordinance regulates most residential rental units in Albany and provides a mediation process for qualifying rent increases. Landlord participation in the rent review process is mandatory, but all recommendations are non-binding. The Rent Review ordinance and associated rent review program were effective on November 2, 2018.

OUTREACH

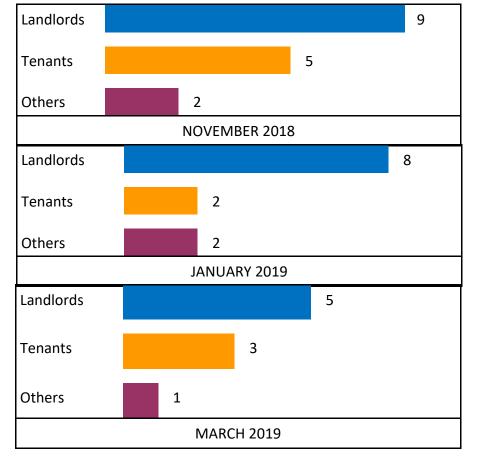
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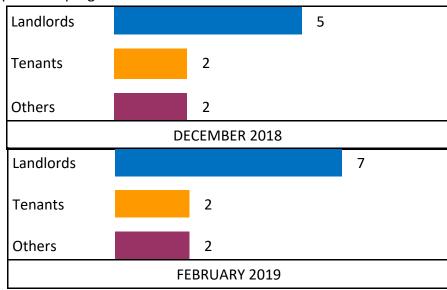
- City-wide mailer
- City's Website
- City's Weekly ENews
- Postings at City Facilities' Bulletin Boards
- Flyer Distribution at City Facilities

- Community Workshops
- Neighborhood Services Presentations

ENGAGEMENT

Rent Review Program contacts include in-person, telephone and electronic mail for inquiries on program details and information.





TOTALS	
Landlords	34
Tenants	14
Others	9

RENT REVIEW REQUESTS

The Rent Review program administrator is ECHO Housing

Case #	181101	181102	190302
Intake Date	11/28/18	11/19/18	3/29/19
Base Rent / Increase amount	\$2200 / \$200	\$2300 / \$200	\$1895 / \$505
% Increase / Proposed new rent amount	9% / \$2400	9% / \$2500	27% / \$2400
Was a Rent Review Application submitted (If no, explain)	NO - Notice was invalid. Satisfied with re-noticing	NO - Notice was invalid. Satisfied with re-noticing	YES
Was the case resolved at conciliation?	NA	NA	NO
Date of Mediation request (if applicable)	NA	NA	04/11/19
Date of Mediation	NA	NA	04/20/19
Mediation Outcome	NA	NA	ТВА
Mediator's recommendation (if applicable)	NA	NA	ТВА