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**REPORT RE:**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 151.05 AND 151.09 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE REGISTRATION FEE AND RENTAL SURCHARGE COLLECTION AND AMENDING SECTION 5.111.7 OF THE LOS ANGELES THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO ACCUAL AND RETENTION OF INTEREST IN THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE TRUST FUND**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 19-1202

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance amends the Los Angeles Municipal Code to: (1) increase the annual registration fee collected under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) in Chapter XV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code effective January 1, 2020; (2) allow landlords to pass-through 50 percent of these fees to tenants on a monthly basis rather than once per year; and (3) correct an obsolete citation in Section 151.09 A 1 to reference 151.05 F. The draft ordinance also amends Section 5.111.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to allow for the collection and retention of accrued interest in the Rent Stabilization Trust Fund

Notice Requirements

Because the fee ordinance would increase the existing Rent Stabilization Ordinance fee, notice of its proposed adoption should be given in accordance with Government Code Sections 66018 and 6062(a). These sections of state law require that prior to adoption of a new or increased fee a public hearing be held and notice of that hearing be published in a newspaper with two publications at least five days apart over a ten day period. The notice period begins the first day of publication, and there must be at least five days intervening between the first and second publications, not counting the dates of publication.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinances were sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Housing and Community Investment Department, with a request that all comments, if any be presented directly to City Council when the matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Deborah Breithaupt at (213) 922-8382. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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