

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Subsection D of Section 151.06 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require that annual rent increases that go into effect on or after the effective date of the subsection comply with the updated automatic rent adjustment formula provisions for rental units subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO).

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2025, the City Clerk posted Ordinance No. 188795 (the Ordinance), updating the RSO's annual rent adjustment provisions, with an effective date of February 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council voted on January 20, 2026, to approve a motion providing that annual rent increases that are effective on or after the effective date of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 151.06.D shall be subject to the amended annual rent adjustment provisions set forth therein.

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The third paragraph of Subsection D of Section 151.06, Article 1, Chapter XV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Any annual rent increase that goes into effect on or after the effective date of this subsection shall comply with this subsection.

Sec. 2. **URGENCY CLAUSE.** The City Council finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety for the following reasons: The City is currently an acute shortage of affordable rental housing and many tenants are at risk of eviction. By ensuring that annual rent increases going into effect after the effective date of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 151.06.D are subject to its updated annual rent adjustment provisions, many tenants will receive lower annual rent increases than they otherwise would have, reducing the risk of eviction and homelessness. The City of Los Angeles will suffer irreparable damage, including loss of life and property, from the displacement of tenants from evictions. The City Council, therefore, adopts this ordinance to become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 253.

Sec. 3. **SEVERABILITY.** If any portion, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each portion or subsection, sentence, clause and phrase herein, irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____