

**RICHMOND RENT BOARD REGULATION 17-05**  
**Regarding Establishment of the 2017 Annual General Adjustment**

Whereas, the Richmond Fair Rent, Just Cause For Eviction and Homeowner Protection Ordinance (Chapter 11.100, Richmond Municipal Code) provides that no later than June 30 of each year the Board shall announce the percentage by which Rent for eligible Rental Units will be generally adjusted effective September 1 of that year. Section 11.100.070 (b), RMC; and

Whereas, the Annual General Adjustment shall equal one-hundred (100%) percent of the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers, San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose region, or any other successor designation of that index that may later be adopted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)(CPI) as reported and published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the 12-month period ending as of March of the current year and

Whereas, on December 30, 2016, Landlords were entitled to increase the Maximum Allowable Rent in an amount not to exceed 3.0% for tenancies in effect prior to September 1, 2015, as provided in Section 11.100.070 (b) (3), RMC, assuming a Landlord served a Tenant with the legally required notice of a rent increase under State law; and

Whereas, the percentage increase in the CPI from 2016-2017, as set forth in recital 2, is 3.4%

NOW, THEREFORE, THE RICHMOND RENT BOARD ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING  
REGULATION:

1. The 2017 Annual General Adjustment is not to exceed 3.4%.
2. The cumulative increase in the Maximum Allowable Rent as defined in Section 11.100.030(g), RMC, for tenancies in effect prior to September 1, 2015, is 6.56%.
3. A Landlord may increase Rent by the 2017 Annual General Adjustment for tenancies in effect prior to September 1, 2016, only if the Landlord (a) files a copy of the notice of the rent increase with the Board before serving the Tenant with such notice, (b) serves the Tenant with a legally required notice of a rent increase under State law and (c) thereafter files with the Board a copy of the proof of service of such notice to the Tenant. Section 11.100. 060 (s)(1), RMC.
4. Within ten business days of receipt of notification from the Rent Board or Rent Program staff that a Landlord has charged and collected Rent in excess of the Maximum Allowable Rent, the Landlord shall issue a refund of excess Rent that a Tenant has paid after December 30, 2016, to the Tenant in the form of a cashier's check. Proof of Excess Rent Refund must be filed with the Rent Board using the appropriate online form on the Rent Program website.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Regulation was duly adopted and passed by the Richmond Rent Board in a regular meeting assembled on June 21, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Boardmembers Combs, Finlay, Maddock, Vice Chair Gerould, and Chair Gray.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.

MARIAH FAIRLEY  
Rent Board Secretary

DAVID GRAY  
Chair

Approved as to form:

MICHAEL ROUSH  
Rent Board Legal Counsel

State of California }  
County of Contra Costa } :ss.  
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Regulation 17-05**, finally passed and adopted by the Rent Board of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 21, 2017.

MARIAH FAIRLEY  
Rent Board Secretary