

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Establish an annual residential rental unit registration fee to fund the Housing Bureau’s Rental Services Office from the Housing Investment Fund (Ordinance)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

In response to a budget note in the 2019-2020 fiscal year adopted budget, this legislation is providing a report to City Council on the Housing Bureau’s Rental Services Office and enacting an annual residential rental unit registration fee to fund the Rental Services Office and fee compliance.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

A residential rental unit registration fee will provide additional revenue for the Housing Bureau’s Rental Services Office beginning in fiscal year 2020-2021. With a \$60 fee, the total revenue is estimated to range between \$3.0 and \$3.9 million per tax year. It is unclear if this fee level will meet full cost recovery as directed by Council until a full year of revenues is collected. The Revenue Division, working in consultation with the Housing Bureau, has the authority to adjust the fee in future years as needed to meet full cost recovery.

In addition, the ordinance authorizes the Revenue Division to change three limited term positions to regular ongoing, funded by fee revenue that will be recognized during the FY 2019-20 Fall BMP.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The adoption of an annual residential rental unit registration fee will provide revenue for services and regulatory functions of the Rental Services Office, which serve renters (who are disproportionately from Communities of Color, immigrants, seniors, and single parents) as well as landlords.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

Approval of the rental registration fee does not impact the City’s total or renewable energy use.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section