



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

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## MONTEREY CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER A RENTAL INVENTORY ORDINANCE AT THE SEP. 5, 2023, 7 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monterey, CA. – Monterey City Council will consider passing a first reading of an ordinance at the September 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting that would establish a rental inventory and require registration of all residential rental properties within the City of Monterey beginning January 1, 2024. The agenda, draft ordinance, and related documents are posted at <https://isearchmonterey.org> and the *Have Your Say Monterey* engagement portal at <https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/rentalinventory>.

Over the years, the City of Monterey City Council has discussed the ongoing challenges of increasing rents and housing affordability in the Monterey community, received updates about rent stabilization measures, and discussed whether to create a new program.

In early 2023, Mayor Williamson requested that this discussion be placed on an agenda for further discussion. On April 18, 2023, the City Council received a presentation on rent stabilization options and the legal framework. The Council gave direction to the Housing Office to begin the process of drafting the legal framework for a rental inventory database. As a result of this direction, staff has prepared an ordinance, creating the legal framework for a rental inventory database.

After sending out a mailer and invitation to every household, on May 30, 2023, the City hosted a town hall meeting on the potential Rental Inventory. The meeting was well attended in person and on ZoomGov with more than 150 participants. On June 20, 2023, the City Council received a report on the town hall meeting and additional feedback about the program.

*Residents are invited to submit comments. Writings distributed for discussion or consideration on this matter within 72 hours prior to the meeting, pursuant to Government Code § 54957.5, will be made available at <https://monterey.org/Submitted-Comments>.*

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