

# City of Berkeley Fees for Rental Housing

## BUSINESS LICENSE

**Fee:** \$77 for each rental property

**Applicability:** any property with three or more dwelling units

**Due Date:** February 28 or within 30 days of purchase of property

**Department:** Finance

**Penalty:** 10% penalty on March 1; 40% on April 1; 1% accrual per month thereafter

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## BUSINESS LICENSE TAX (3-4 UNITS)

**Fee:** \$10.81 per \$1,000 gross receipts (1.08% tax rate)

**Applicability:** three or four dwelling units, Section 8 & BMR units

**Due Date:** February 28

**Department:** Finance

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## BUSINESS LICENSE TAX (5+ UNITS)

**Fee:** \$28.80 per \$1,000 gross receipts (2.88% tax rate)

**Applicability:** buildings of five+ units or any combination of five+ units owned

**Due Date:** February 28

**Department:** Finance

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## RENT BOARD REGISTRATION

**Fee:** \$344 for Fully-Covered Units; \$212 for Partially-Covered

**Applicability:** most rental units except for fully-exempt properties

**Due Date:** July 1

**Department:** Rent Stabilization Board

**Penalty:** 100% if not received by July 1

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**Search term:** rent board

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## RENTAL HOUSING SAFETY PROGRAM

**Fee:** \$60 per rental unit; \$30 per room

**Applicability:** all rental units including rooms in houses

**Due Date:** October 31

**Department:** Building Department

**Penalty:** 10% on 2nd bill sent; 40% on 3rd bill sent

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**Search term:** rental housing safety  
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## FIRE PREVENTION

**Fee:** \$98 for every 15 minutes of inspection

**Applicability:** all rental properties except single-family homes & duplexes

**Due Date:** inspected every 12 months & bill is sent 30-60 days after inspection

**Department:** Fire Prevention Department.

**Penalty:** 20% late payment if not received within 60 days of statement

[www.berkeleyca.gov](http://www.berkeleyca.gov)  
**Search term:** fire prevention  
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