



Empty Homes Tax – 2025 Ordinance Amendments

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Rent Stabilization Board

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2025 Empty Homes Tax Ordinance Amendments

Appeal Period

Added 30-day appeal period

Appeals to COB
Hearing's Officer

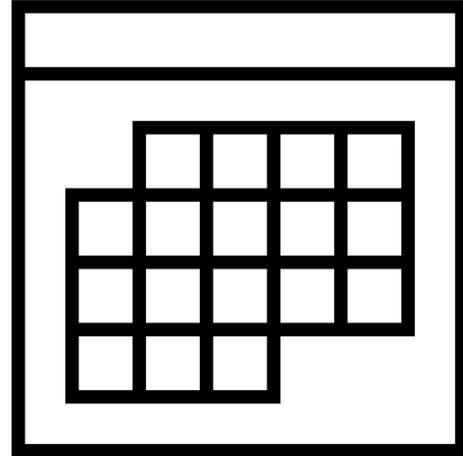
Tax Delinquent Date

Changed from Feb. 28th
to 60-days
after tax notices sent

New Vacancy Exclusions

1. Environmental Remediation Period
2. Owner Impairment Period

Empty Home Tax Ordinance Amendments Timeline



- **Amendments Approved – October 28, 2025, City Council Meeting**
- **2nd Reading – November 18, 2025, City Council Meeting**
- **Amendments Effective – 2-days after posting of 2nd reading vote**

Empty Homes Tax – Administration Update

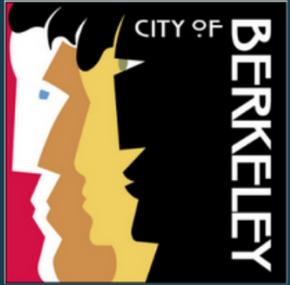
Property Type	Property Type Count	Vacant Units
Single Family	31	31
Duplex	74	98
3-4 units	69	121
5+ unit building	74	365
Total(s)	248	615

107 - Approved Exemptions (21 new after 1st tax bill mailings)

36 - Approved Vacancy Exclusions (10 new after 1st tax bill mailing)

10 Appeals received

NOTE: 364 properties with 863 vacant appeared subject to tax prior to 1st tax bill mailing.



Thank you!

Questions?



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