

Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Fact Sheet

Issue

Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance (MHRSO) in unincorporated Sonoma County.

Background

Mobilehomes are the last naturally existing affordable housing within Sonoma County. For many, this form of housing is the only hope of continued protective housing within our community.



Sonoma County has 68 mobilehome parks located within County jurisdiction with a total of 2,257 spaces

Most of these mobilehome parks are made up of low to extremely low-income households who also face additional vulnerability such as older adults, adults with disabilities and members of the Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) community.

The consistently increased cost of housing in Sonoma County is a crisis, and severely impacts mobilehome residents. As demonstrated after the 2017 Sonoma Complex Fires and through the pandemic, Sonoma County is not only losing mobilehomes and mobilehome parks, but the most vulnerable community members are being priced out of being able to either rent or own their mobilehome.

Projected Impact

In California, older adults are living on low, fixed incomes and are being forced to choose between paying rent, eating, or buying medications.



Half of all renters experience difficulty paying rent at least some months of the year and are twice as likely to experience difficulty every month relative to homeowners.

It is no surprise that older adults represent the fastest growing age group of the homeless population in California. The primary drivers of the surge in older adult homelessness in California are unsustainable rent burdens and an inadequate supply of affordable, accessible, and stable housing. With back-to-back years of the highest rent increases in decades (5.7% last year and 6% this year), the damage to older adults living within the margins may be lasting.



Renting is not exclusive to younger households: just over 1 in 4 residents age 65+ rent

Steps need to be taken to maintain the affordability of space rent so Sonoma County can ensure that residents, predominantly older adults, are not priced out of the only homes they can afford.

Engagement Opportunities

- Email, send a letter, or call your Sonoma County [Board of Supervisor](#)
- Share [Legal Aid of Sonoma County](#) Tenant Resources and [Petaluma People Services Center](#)
- Follow and subscribe to [North Bay Organizing Project's Housing Justice & Tenants Union](#)
- Subscribe to the legislative bulletin from the [Golden State Manufactured Home Owners League](#) (Sonoma County is Region 2)
- Refer to [Generation Housing](#) for further Housing Advocacy efforts