



Homes and Community Renewal

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Advisory Opinion 2020-5 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance

In response to the Governor's directive to take every effort to keep New Yorkers safe and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, the following is being directed with respect to processing and other procedures affecting the Office of Rent Administration (ORA) and Tenant Protection Unit (TPU) of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) under The Rent Stabilization Law, The Emergency Tenant Protection Act, and the New York State and New York City Rent Control Laws.

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING ANNUAL RENT REGISTRATIONS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Owners are required to file annual registrations with the Office of Rent Administration. Annual registration information reflects information for April 1 of the registration year and is to be submitted through the Owner Rent Regulation Application (ORRA) online system. New York State law requires owners of housing accommodations to file apartment registrations and provide each tenant in occupancy with a copy of the registration as it pertains to the tenant's unit.

This is an evolving situation and updates and modifications to this Advisory Opinion will be made as needed and posted on DHCR's website. The directive contained in this Advisory Opinion may subsequently be further supported or contained in additional legal process but will be considered effective as of the date of this Advisory Opinion.

Please refer to the New York State Governor's website at www.governor.ny.gov for more information on how to best stay healthy and safe during this period.

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