Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Commission Agenda Report

To: Members of the Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Commission

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Approved by: Joseph D. Irvin, City Manager

Date prepared: June 5, 2026 Meeting date: June 18, 2026

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Administrative and Commission Regulations Chapter 31 (Continued from May 21, 2026)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Review and discuss amendments to Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Administrative Regulations and Commission Regulations Chapter 31; and 2) Provide recommendations on hearing procedure regulations to the Mobilehome Park Rent Control Regulations City Council Ad Hoc Committee; or 3) Refer the proposed hearing regulations to the Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Commission Ad Hoc Committee and make recommendations to the Mobilehome Park Rent Control Regulations City Council Ad Hoc Committee at a future meeting.

BACKGROUND: At the February 9, 2026 Regular City Council meeting, the commission was directed to review regulations regarding hearing procedures consistent with the current ordinance and make recommendations to the Mobilehome Park Rent Control Regulations City Council Ad Hoc Committee for review. The commission at its May 21, 2026 meeting requested this item be heard again at their next regular meeting.

DISCUSSION: The proposed amendments to Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Administrative Regulations and Commission Regulations Chapter 31 (Hearings and Decisions) are intended to ensure that Commission proceedings are conducted in a manner consistent with Malibu Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 5.16 and principles of due process.

The proposed amendments address several areas of the Commission's procedure, including hearing timelines, formal notice requirements, and standardizing hearings. Specifically, the amendments clarify presentation order, evidence standards, and conduct expectations. These updates help reduce ambiguity by clearly outlining roles, responsibilities, and deadlines for applicants, opponents, staff, and the public.

Additionally, the proposed regulations strengthen due process and transparency by enhancing notice requirements, requirement of declarations under penalty of perjury for evidence, and prohibition on ex parte communications. They also establish standardized procedures for a continuance of a hearing.

The Written Statement Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury and Documentary Evidence Verification Under Penalty of Perjury forms were developed to standardize submissions, improve the reliability of information provided to the Commission, and establish a consistent process for verifying statements and supporting materials.

These proposed amendments create a procedural framework that promotes clarity, fairness, and administrative efficiency in the conduct of hearings.

The commission at their May 21, 2026 meeting requested the regulations from the January 15, 2026 meeting presented by the Commission's Ad Hoc Committee be attached to this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Administrative Regulations and Commission Regulations Chapter 31
2. Proposed Chapter 31
3. Redline of Proposed Chapter 31
4. Written Statement Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury Form
5. Documentary Evidence Verification Under Penalty of Perjury Form
6. January 15, 2026 Draft Ad Hoc Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Administrative Regulations and Commission Regulations Chapter 1-6

Chapter 31

HEARINGS AND DECISIONS

Section 31001. Scope of Regulations

The regulations contained in this Chapter apply to all hearings before and decisions of the Malibu Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Commission held pursuant to M.M.C. Section 6700, et seq.

Section 31002. Hearings

A. A hearing on an application shall be scheduled no earlier than twenty (20) days and no later than forty (40) days after the completed application is accepted for filing.

B. The hearing shall be conducted according to M.M.C. Section 6711 and these Regulations.

C. The hearing shall be conducted by a quorum of the Commission.

D. The hearing shall proceed in the following order:

1. Presentation of the staff report.

2. Presentation on behalf of applicant, including testimony of any affected parties and witnesses in support of the application.

3. Presentation on behalf of opponents, including testimony of any affected parties and witnesses in opposition to the application.

4. Rebuttal by applicant.

E. The burden of proof shall be on the applicant to demonstrate its case by a preponderance of the evidence.

F. All parties to the hearing may have assistance from an attorney or such other person as may be designated by the parties in presenting evidence or arguing their position.

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as may be presented and make such decisions as if both parties had been present.

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2. Witnesses shall be sworn and shall testify under penalty of perjury.

3. Each written statement used as evidence shall:

a) Be made under penalty of perjury.

b) Set forth the full name and current residence and business address and telephone number of the person making the statement.

K. Unless specifically requested by the Commission at a public meeting, no documentary evidence or written or oral argument shall be sent or made to the Commission or to any Commissioner by any party or member of the public after the conclusion of the hearing.

L. No Commissioner shall request or accept documentary evidence or written or oral argument from any party or member of the public after the conclusion of the hearing.

Section 31003. Continuance

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Section 31004. Decorum at Hearing

A. Hearings shall begin promptly. Late arrivals shall seat themselves quietly, without interrupting the proceedings.

B. Because the hearing must be tape recorded, and because members of the public wish to hear what is being said, all speakers (including Commissioners and staff) shall speak loudly and clearly so the record will be clear and the audience can hear. Those persons who cannot, for any reason, speak loudly and clearly may assign someone who can do so to make any oral presentation on their behalf.

C. There shall be no noise, whispering, outcries, audible expressions of approval or disapproval, or any other type of disruption by any person in the hearing room at any time during the hearing. Such disruptions are discourteous to all concerned and will not be tolerated. Offending parties shall be warned by the Chair. If disruptions continue, the Chair may remove offending parties in order to insure that the hearing may go forward without further disruption or delay.

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F. Commissioners, parties and the audience shall not interrupt the presentation of a party or testimony of a witness.

G. Vulgar or offensive language and/or behavior shall not be tolerated.

H. The Chair shall enforce these regulations as is necessary and appropriate in order to insure a fair hearing to the participants and that the hearing is concluded without undue delay.

Section 31005. Decision of the Commission

A. The findings and conclusions of the Commission shall be written. The Commission may adopt a proposed resolution prepared by the Staff, may amend a proposed resolution and adopt it at the conclusion of the hearing, may direct staff to prepare a resolution consistent with the Commission's decision, or may prepare a resolution at the hearing.

B. The decision shall become final upon adoption of the resolution. The City Manager shall mail the applicant a copy of the decision.

Section 31006. Implementation of Change

A. Any increase in rent granted by the Commission shall be noticed by the park owner pursuant to state law. A rent reduction shall go into effect the next date that rent is due after the date of the Commission's final decision.

B. The City Manager shall note in the City's records for each space all adjustments in rent relating to that space and said shall be permanently maintained as a public record which shall reflect:

1. The initial base rent determination.

2. The date each increase or decrease was ordered by the Commission.

3. The date for implementation of increases or decreases ordered by the Commission.

4. The current maximum allowable rent.

CHAPTER 31

HEARINGS AND DECISIONS

310000. Scope of Regulations

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310001. Hearing Scheduling and Pre-Hearing Procedures

(a) Unless the City Manager has granted a continuance, a hearing on an application shall be scheduled no earlier than fifty (50) calendar days and no later than seventy calendar (70) days after the application is determined complete.

(b) No later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the hearing, the City Manager shall mail to the applicant and all affected parties a notice of the hearing on the application. The notice shall state:

(1) The date, time, and place of the hearing;

(2) A brief summary of the stated justification for the application; and

(3) That all submitted documents and materials as well as any report prepared by Staff will be available for public review prior to the hearing.

(c) The applicant shall post a copy of the notice of hearing in a conspicuous place on the affected property at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing. If the applicant is a homeowner or group of homeowners, the affected park owner shall permit the applicant to so post the notice.

(d) No later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing, all parties to the hearing shall submit to the Commission all documents, photographs, diagrams and any and all other documentary evidence that the respective parties wish the Commission to consider. Submission of such evidence to the Commission shall be directed to the City Clerk and shall be submitted under penalty of perjury. The City Clerk will endeavor to upload said evidence to the City's website for public review.

(e) Any documentary evidence or written materials not submitted by the applicable deadline shall not be considered by the Commission and shall be excluded from the record, unless the Commission determines, upon a showing of good cause, that admission of the material is necessary to ensure a fair hearing. In determining good cause, the Commission may consider factors including, but not limited to: (i) the reason for the delay; (ii) whether the information was previously unavailable despite reasonable diligence; (iii) the potential prejudice to any party; and (iv) whether a continuance or other remedy can cure any prejudice. Any material accepted after the deadline shall be identified on the record, and the Commission may grant a continuance or other appropriate relief to ensure fairness.

310002. Conduct of Hearing

(a) The hearing shall be conducted according to M.M.C. Sections 5.16.110 through 5.16.130 and these Regulations.

(b) The hearing shall be conducted by a quorum of the Commission with the Chair serving as presiding officer. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall serve as the presiding officer.

(c) The hearing shall ordinarily proceed in the following order, unless the Chair determines that some other order of proceedings would better facilitate the hearing:

(d) The hearing shall proceed in the following order:

(1) Presentation of the staff report.

(2) Presentation by or on behalf of applicant, including testimony of any affected parties and witnesses in support of the application. The applicant shall be allotted up to 30 minutes to make the presentation.

(3) Presentation by or on behalf of opponents, including testimony of any affected parties and witnesses in opposition to the application. Opponents shall be allotted an equal amount of time as the applicant to make their presentation.

(4) Rebuttal by applicant. The applicant shall be allotted 10 minutes for rebuttal.

(5) Public participation. Any person interested in the hearing may attend and address the Commission. Each speaker shall be allocated 3 minutes.

(6) The Chair may for good cause adjust the foregoing time limits as necessary to ensure fairness and the orderly conduct of the hearing, including extending the time limits equally between the applicant and opponents.

(e) The burden of proof shall be on the applicant to demonstrate its case by a preponderance of the evidence.

(f) Commissioners may ask questions of any witness at the end of that witnesses testimony if the need arises.

(g) All parties to the hearing may have assistance from an attorney or such other person as may be designated by the parties in presenting evidence or arguing their position.

(h) In the event that either the park owner or the homeowner(s) should fail to appear at the hearing at the specified time and place, the Commission may hear and review such evidence as may be presented and make such decisions as if both parties had been present.

310003. Recordings; Hearing Decorum

(a) All hearings shall be recorded. Recordings shall be preserved in accordance with the City's record retention schedule. If litigation is filed, then recordings may not be destroyed before final resolution of the matter, including any appeals.

(b) Because the hearing must be recorded, and because members of the public wish to hear what is being said, all speakers (including Commissioners and staff) shall speak loudly and clearly so the record will be clear and the audience can hear. Those persons who cannot, for any reason, speak loudly and clearly may assign someone who can do so to make any oral presentation on their behalf.

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(f) Commissioners, parties and the audience shall not interrupt the presentation of a party or testimony of a witness recognized by the Chair except as necessary to enforce these regulations.

(g) The Chair shall have the authority to remove disruptive persons as follows:

(1) Any person engaging in disruptive conduct may be issued a warning by the Chair.

(2) If the conduct continues after a warning, the Chair may direct the removal of the offending individual from the hearing room.

(3) Removal shall be based on conduct that actually disrupts, delays, or materially interferes with the hearing, and not on the viewpoint or content of the person's speech.

(4) The use of profanity or offensive language and behavior is strongly discouraged, yet standing alone, will not be grounds for removal unless it results in actual disruption of the hearing.

(h) The Chair shall enforce these regulations as is necessary and appropriate to ensure a fair hearing to the participants and to ensure that the hearing is concluded without undue delay.

310004. Rules of Evidence

(a) Formal rules of evidence or procedure which must be followed in court shall not apply to Commission proceedings except as follows:

(1) Parties submitting documentary evidence shall execute a declaration under penalty of perjury that the matters set forth in the documents are true either to their personal knowledge or upon information and belief. If the document is a copy, the declaration shall include a statement that the document is a true copy of the original.

(2) Witnesses for the applicant(s) and opponent(s) shall be sworn and shall testify under penalty of perjury.

(3) Each written statement used as evidence shall:

(i) Be made under penalty of perjury.

(ii) Set forth the full name and current residence and business address and telephone number of the person making the statement.

(b) Unless specifically requested by the Commission at a public meeting, no documentary evidence or written or oral argument shall be accepted by a Commissioner, nor be sent or made to the Commission or to any Commissioner by any party or member of the public after the conclusion of the hearing.

310005. Continuances

(a) The Commission may continue a hearing on its own motion when necessary to ensure a fair hearing or a complete record or at the request of an applicant or affected party for good cause shown.

(b) Requests from an applicant or affected party must be submitted on a form prescribed by the City or, if no form is available, in writing. The request must state the reasons for the continuance, what efforts have been made to ascertain the position of other affected parties in relation to the requested continuance, and the desired alternative dates for the hearing. Requests for continuance should be submitted at the earliest possible date, and must be received by the City Manager at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled hearing unless good cause is shown for a later request. The person submitting the request for continuance shall declare under penalty of perjury that all affected parties have been served with copies of the request.

(c) The Commission may continue the hearing to a date, time, and place certain announced at the hearing. If the Commission continues a hearing without announcing a date, time, and place certain on the record, the Commission shall direct staff to provide notice of the continued hearing in a manner reasonably calculated to ensure a fair hearing. Such notice shall provide sufficient time for the parties to prepare and respond, and shall be issued without unnecessary or excessive delay.

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(a) The findings and conclusions of the Commission shall be written. The Commission shall adopt a proposed resolution prepared by staff, amend the proposed resolution and adopt it at the conclusion of the hearing, or direct staff to prepare a resolution consistent

with the Commission's decision. If the Commission directs staff to prepare a resolution, the City Manager shall schedule a meeting of the Commission at the next earliest practicable time for consideration and action on the resolution.

(b) The decision shall become final upon adoption of the resolution. Within one (1) business day after adoption of the resolution, the City Manager shall mail a notice of the decision accompanied by a copy of the written decision, including the Commission's findings and conclusions, to all affected parties in the manner specified in paragraph (c). Affected parties includes the applicant(s), any persons or entities opposing the application, the applicable mobile home park owner(s), and any mobile home owner(s) and/or mobile home tenants whose rent or space rent may be impacted by the Commission's decision.

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Mobilehome Park Rent Adjustment Application

WRITTEN STATEMENT
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, _____, declare as follows:

1. I am an ☐ Applicant ☐ Homeowner ☐ Authorized Representative for Applicant or Homeowner ☐ Other: _____, submitting a written statement in connection with the mobilehome park rent adjustment application dated _____.
2. I have reviewed the foregoing statement.
3. The matters set forth in the statement are true and correct of my own personal knowledge or upon information and belief.
4. I understand that I must promptly correct or supplement my statement if I become aware of any material error or omission before final action in this matter.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____**,** 20___, at _____, California.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title / Capacity (e.g. park manager, legal representative, other authorized representative) (if applicable):

_____

Current Residence Address:

_____

Current Business Address (if applicable):

_____

Telephone Number: _____

Mobilehome Park Rent Adjustment Application

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
VERIFICATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, _____, declare as follows:

1. I am a ☐ Park Owner ☐ Homeowner ☐ Authorized Representative for Park Owner or Homeowner ☐ Other: _____, submitting documents in connection with the mobilehome park rent adjustment application dated _____.
2. I have reviewed the documents.
3. The documents submitted with this filing are true and correct copies of the original.
4. I understand that I must promptly correct or supplement this submission if I become aware of any material error or omission before final action in this matter.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____**,** 20___, at _____, California.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title / Capacity (e.g. park manager, legal representative, other authorized representative) (if applicable):

_____

Current Residence Address:

_____

Current Business Address (if applicable):

_____

Telephone Number: _____

Chapter 1 - Purpose and Effect of Commission Rules

1.01 Purpose

In enacting the Malibu Mobilehome Park Rent Control Ordinance (MMC 5.16.010 et seq. "Ordinance"), the Malibu City Council authorized the Commission "[t]o adopt, promulgate, amend and rescind administrative rules to effectuate the purposes and policies of" the Ordinance. (MMC 5.16.050 (D).) It is the intent of the Commission that these rules effectuate the purposes and policies of the Ordinance, including providing for the orderly administration of the Commission's proceedings.

1.02 Relationship Between the Ordinance and These Rules

Having been adopted by the City's legislative body, the Ordinance supersedes the rules adopted by the Commission herein ("Rules"). To the extent that the Ordinance and the Rules conflict, the Ordinance shall control.

1.03 Relationship Between the Rules and Other Administrative Regulations

Having been adopted by the Commission pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission by the City's legislative body, the Rules supersede any administrative regulations or procedures adopted by the City Manager or their designee. To the extent that the Rules and any such administrative regulations or procedures conflict, the Rules shall control.

1.04 No Rent Adjustment Without Approval of the Commission

In enacting the Malibu Mobilehome Park Rent Control Ordinance (MMC 5.16.010 et seq.), the Malibu City Council delegated to the Commission the duty to "receive, investigate, hold hearings on, and pass upon all issues relating to mobilehome park rent stabilization, … make or conduct such independent hearings or investigations … [and] adjust space rents either upward or downward upon completion of its hearings and investigations." Having been delegated that duty by the City's legislative body, the Commission may not shirk that duty by, for example, delegating that duty to someone else. Thus, to be effective, any and all space rent adjustments, either upward or downward, except those for necessary infrastructure improvements and sublease surcharge exemptions which are entrusted to the authority of the City Manager, must be approved by the Commission. Any space rent adjustment, other than those expressly entrusted by the Ordinance to the authority of the City Manager, not approved by the Commission shall be null and void. This section is declarative of existing law.

Chapter 2 – Registration and Other Documents

2.01 Retention of Documents

All registrations, applications and other documents provided to the City or Commission concerning the rental of mobile home(s) and/or space(s) at mobile home park(s) shall be maintained by the City and may not be destroyed without an affirmative majority vote of the Commission. Paper documents may be digitized, and an electronic copy of any document may be maintained by the City in lieu of the corresponding paper document. To the extent a resolution or ordinance adopted by the City Council requires the destruction of the documents addressed by this Rule, and thus conflicts with this Rule, the resolution or ordinance shall control.

2.02 Public Records

All registrations, applications for rent adjustment, and documents submitted in support of, or in opposition to, any such application, are public records. In the Commission's view, it is consistent with the Public Records Act (Government Code 7920.000 et seq.) to make such documents available to any member of the public upon request and without redaction of names, addresses and rent amounts.

Chapter 3 – Persons Authorized to Submit and Present a Rent Adjustment Application

3.01 Authorized Persons and Entities

Any owner of a mobile home park, mobile home owner at any mobile home park, or tenant entitled to occupy a mobile home at a mobile home park may seek a rent adjustment, upwards or downwards, by submitting an application for consideration by the Commission. An application to the Commission is the exclusive means by which any rent adjustment, for any reason other than those for necessary infrastructure improvements and sublease surcharge exemptions which are entrusted by the Ordinance to the authority of the City Manager, may be authorized.

3.02 Authorized Organizations

An organization may seek a rent adjustment, upwards or downwards, by submitting an application for consideration by the Commission if the subject of the application is germane to the purpose of the organization.

3.03 Representatives

An attorney, licensed to practice law in the State of California, representing any of the persons or entities described in Rule 3.01 or Rule 3.02, may seek a rent adjustment on behalf of the attorney's client(s). Any person authorized by a corporate entity or other organization may represent that corporate entity or other organization in any application for rent adjustment and before the Commission. Any immediate family member (parent, child, sibling, aunt/uncle, grandparent, grandchild, great grandparent, great grandchild, cousin, spouse, domestic partner) of a person described in Rule 3.01 may represent that person in any application for rent adjustment and before the Commission.

Chapter 4 – Pre-hearing procedure and notice

4.01 Requesting a Hearing

An application submitted by a person or entity described in Rule 3.01 or Rule 3.02 shall be set for hearing before the Commission. The application shall be submitted to the City Manager on a form approved by the Commission and made available in the office of the City Clerk and on the City's website. Promptly upon submission of an application, the City Manager, or their designee, shall notify the Chair of the Commission of the receipt of the application.

Upon acceptance of the application as complete, the applicant(s) must deliver a copy of the application to the target(s) of the application – the park owner(s) or sublessor(s) in the case of an application for rent reduction, or the homeowner(s) or tenant(s) in the case of an application for rent increase. In the

event that the City Manager rejects, or otherwise refuses to promptly accept an application, the Chair of the Commission may accept the application, prompting the scheduling of a hearing as described herein. If the Chair of the Commission accepts an application which the City Manager has rejected or otherwise refused to promptly accept, the acceptance of the application and whether it is complete shall be considered at the next regular meeting of the Commission at which the Commission may, by at least a 3/5 vote of the Commission, reverse the Chair's acceptance of the application by finding the application is not complete.

4.02 Scheduling the Hearing

The applicant and the other affected parties shall confer with the City Manager and the Chair of the Commission to arrange a mutually convenient time and date for a hearing on the application mentioned in Section 4.01. The hearing date shall be within the time limits imposed by the Ordinance. The convenience of the parties shall be considered but shall not be determinative in setting the hearing.

4.03 Support and Responses to Application

Written statements in support of, and in opposition to, the application shall be submitted to the Commission no later than ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

4.04—Evidentiary matter to be submitted prior to the hearing

No later than ten(10) days prior to the hearing, all parties to the hearing shall submit to the Commission all documents, photographs, diagrams and any and all other documentary evidence that the respective parties wish the Commission to consider. Submission of such evidence to the Commission shall be directed to the City Clerk. Material too bulky or difficult to deliver as required herein shall be reasonably described to the Commission and may be introduced at the hearing pursuant to Section 5.02. Evidentiary material to be submitted solely for purposes of impeachment may be submitted during the hearing without regard to the aforesaid time limit and distribution requirements.

No person employed by the City, except where said person is immediately and financially impacted by the application, may submit to the Commission evidence, nor any recommendation for the outcome of an application, nor conclusory matter in connection with the application. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, City staff may submit a financial analysis to the Commission in connection with an application for rent adjustment based on reasonable return on investment, and if requested by the Chair of the Commission, may submit a recommendation for the outcome of the application. All documentary evidence submitted to the Commission shall be made available to all affected parties by uploading said materials to the City's website promptly upon the City's receipt of said evidence.

4.05—Commission Requests for Evidence

Any Commissioner may request that any applicant(s) or opponent(s) to an application provide specified evidence. Any failure to provide such evidence may be considered by the Commission.

4.06—Presumptions and Evidence

a. Vacancy/Transfer

Presentation of a recorded deed applicable to a particular mobile home park space shall create a rebuttable presumption that the mobile home and associated leasehold interest were transferred as stated in the recorded deed.

No increase in space rent shall be permitted based on the following:

1. addition or deletion of owners to/from a title where one or more of the previous owners remain;
2. title to a home changing to a trust, limited liability company, or similar legal instrument, where one or more of the beneficiaries or members is the same as one or more of the previous owners;
3. elimination of a lien holder on the title of a mobile home;
4. title to a home changing to reflect removal of or addition of the names of family members; and/or
5. title to a home passing between or among members of a family (e.g. parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren, great grandparents, great grandchildren, spouses, domestic partners, aunts/uncles, cousins).

b. Sublease

Presentation of a valid written and signed agreement to lease a mobile home lying on a particular mobile home park space shall create a rebuttable presumption that the mobile home is/was leased during any period specified in the lease agreement.

c. Reasonable Return

If presented with an application, or opposition to an application, which raises an issue of reasonable return, the Commission shall set rent in an amount necessary to provide a park owner with a fair and reasonable return. A rebuttable presumption of a fair and reasonable return shall apply to any rent(s) that permit a park owner to maintain the same net operating income as it enjoyed on March 28, 1991. An applicant, or opponent to an application, asserting that rent(s) should be either increased or not decreased as requested by an application in order to provide for a fair and reasonable return, must present evidence of the net operating income on March 28, 1991.

In determining whether a maximum rent allows for a reasonable return on investment, the Commission shall not consider:

1) gratuitous, voluntary or otherwise excessive expenditures; and/or
2) debt service payments, including interest and fees.

Chapter 5 – Hearing Procedure

5.01—Hearing to be conducted by Commission

The hearing shall be conducted by the Commission with the chairperson serving as presiding officer.

5.02—Evidence and Presentation at Hearing

The applicant(s), or their representative(s), shall have fifteen (15) minutes to present their case at the hearing. Any portion of that fifteen minutes may be reserved for rebuttal. Following the presentation by

applicant(s) (other than their rebuttal), the principal opponent(s) of the application shall have fifteen (15) minutes to present their opposition. Applicants and opponents are encouraged to cooperate with one another to divide their respective presentation time. In the event that applicants or opponents, respectively, are not able to agree on the division of their respective times, the Chair of the Commission will impose a reasonable division. The Commission may, for good cause, extend the time limitations of this section, equally between the two sides.

In addition to the evidentiary and other matter submitted by the parties pursuant to Section 4.04, the parties may present oral testimony at the hearing. Such presentation may be in narrative form. Bulky items and items too difficult to present in advance of the hearing as required in Section 4.04 may be introduced provided the description required by Section 4.04 was supplied in accordance within the pre-hearing time limits.

The Commission may, at the hearing, question any person who has presented testimony or other evidence, or is otherwise present at the hearing.

The rules of evidence as provided in the California Evidence Code or the Federal Rules of Evidence shall not apply to applications and hearings before the Commission.

The failure of a party to present evidence reasonably available to that party may be construed against that party.

5.03—Participation of commissioners during evidence presentation

The commissioners may make inquiry of any party or witness or representative who presents evidence at the hearing. Such inquiry shall be respectful. In the event the Chair of the Commission determines that inquiry by the commissioners is excessive or inappropriate, the Chair may stop such inquiry.

5.04—Public participation

Any person interested in the hearing may attend. Other than the applicant(s) and principal opponent(s), or their respective representative(s), whose presentation time limits are set forth in Rule 5.02, all other persons addressing the Commission at the hearing shall be limited to identifying their position – i.e. "support" or "oppose" – and no more than 30 seconds of explanation.

5.05 -Decision

The Commission shall deliberate and render a decision on the application presented pursuant to these Regulations.

The Commission's decision may be announced at the hearing, and shall be in writing and delivered to the affected parties as set forth in Chapter 6. The decision is final.

Chapter 6 – Notice of Commission Decision

6.01 Notice to be Sent to Affected Parties

Within 15 days of the Commission reaching a decision on an application for rent adjustment, the City shall send a written decision to the applicant and any person or entity opposing the application, as well

as a notice of that decision to all affected parties. Affected parties includes the applicant(s), any persons or entities opposing the application, the applicable mobile home park owner(s), and any mobile home owner(s) and/or mobile home tenants whose rent or space rent may be impacted by the Commission's decision.

6.02 Contents of the Notice

The notice sent to affected parties pursuant to Rule 6.01 shall include at least the following information: 1) the name(s) of the applicant(s); 2) the name(s) of any principal opponent(s) to the application; 3) a short summary of the relief the application sought; 4) a short summary of the Commission's decision; 5) identification of each Commissioner who participated in the decision, and how each Commissioner voted on the application; and 6) a short summary of how the decision affects the allowable rent or space rent.

6.03 Manner of Sending Decision

The decision shall be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, including a copy of the affidavit or certificate of mailing. Pursuant to California Civil Code of Procedure 1094.6, the decision is final on the date it is mailed for purposes of determining a party's time to file a writ in superior court.