

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

this Chapter above the amount charged as rent for such dwelling unit on the effective date of this Act except in accordance with the provisions of this Article; to provide that the lawful base rent for all dwelling units covered by this Chapter shall be the rent legally charged, received, and paid as of the effective date of this Act; to provide that it shall be unlawful and a violation of this Chapter for any landlord to demand or receive any rent for any dwelling unit covered by this Chapter in excess of the lawful base rent as established or adjusted by the provisions of this Article or by any rule, regulation, decision, or order of the Executive Director or Commission which violation shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a Thousand Dollar (\$1,000.00) fine enforceable in civil attachment proceedings; to provide that the Executive Director of the Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs, subject to advice and recommendations of the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs, shall formulate rules and regulations relating to rent control which shall become effective after approval or amendment by the County Council; to provide for the increase of rent above the lawful base rent; to provide that the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs shall develop a system of rent control or guidelines to be adopted by the County Council after public hearing upon reasonable notice; to provide that it shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a Thousand Dollar (\$1,000.00) fine enforceable in civil attachment proceedings to fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Article or any rule, regulation, decision, order, or summons of the Executive Director or Commission; to provide that certain dwelling units be exempted from the provisions of this Article; and to provide for the adoption of Chapter 93A (Chapter 29 of the Montgomery County Code 1972) by incorporated towns, villages, or municipalities and for the enforcement thereof by the County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, that -

Sec. 1. Chapter 93A of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended (Chapter 29 of the Montgomery County Code 1972), title "Fair Landlord-Tenant Relations," by and the same is hereby amended to add a new Article V, title "Rent Controls," to read as follows:

## ARTICLE V

## Rent Controls