

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and costs. Each such charge or demand or receipt of rent for separate and different periods of time shall constitute separate offenses hereunder. Fines imposed pursuant to this subsection may be collected or enforced through civil attachment proceedings.

b. If the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Article necessitates the institution of criminal or civil court proceedings, such proceedings may be instituted by the County Attorney's Office after referral by the Executive Director. The County Attorney, after a matter has been referred by the Executive Director, may institute appropriate legal action, as provided by this Chapter or any other applicable law, against any person found by the Executive Director to be in violation thereof; provided that if the County Attorney believes that additional information or action by the Executive Director is necessary to enable him to take appropriate action, he may refer the matter back to the Executive Director for such consideration. Nothing herein shall limit the authority of the County Attorney to initiate prosecution or bring actions in law or equity for violation of any local law, ordinance or regulation whether or not the Executive Director has made a finding of a violation under this Article.

29-75. Operation and review of Article.

a. Unless otherwise extended, the system of rent control established by this Article shall become null and void at 12:00 midnight on October 31, 1975.

b. The Executive Director and the Commission shall report to the County Council and the County Executive prior to the end of six (6) months after the effective date of this Article and thereafter at intervals of not more than six months with findings and recommendations as to this Article based upon the housing needs of the County and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizenry. Each report shall specifically include findings and recommendations as to (i) the continued operation of and need for the provisions of this Article; (ii) the repeal of the provisions of this Article; (iii) the modification or amendment of this Article as may be deemed appropriate; and (iv) the establishment of a system of rent guidelines to replace the system of rent control established hereunder.

29-76. Application.

a. This Chapter or this Article shall be effective throughout the County except in any incorporated town, village, or other municipality which