



Frequently Asked Questions

The indoor maximum temperature threshold ordinance of 82°F for unincorporated areas will be voted on August 5, 2025 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Extreme heat is a public health risk and most severely impacts seniors, young children, people with underlying illness, persons with disabilities, and pregnant people when there is no respite.

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| 1 Is this an air conditioning ordinance? | No. The ordinance does not require landlords to install air conditioning. In fact, passive cooling measures will be encouraged. A website and outreach material will be available describing what passive cooling measures are, such as AC window units, plug-in fans, or blackout curtains. |
| 2 When does the ordinance go into effect if it passes on August 5, 2025? | 30 days after adoption. The ordinance will supersede rental agreements, and protect renters from retaliation who wish to install non-permanent cooling measures. |
| 3 When does enforcement begin and what does that look like? | Landlords will be responsible for maintaining rental units at 82°F beginning 1/1/2027 but can ask for a 2-year extension. Beginning 2027, tenants can file grievances with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. |
| 4 Will there be any support for small landlords? | <p>The ordinance applies to unincorporated areas, for which many resources already exist and will be promoted to landlords.</p> <p><i>A motion will be introduced by Chair Pro Tem Solis directing the Los Angeles County to develop a fund to support small landlords requiring improvements to abide by the ordinance.</i></p> |
| 5 Why 82°F? | When comparing to other jurisdictions, this is a median temperature high enough to not require air conditioning, but still low enough to be unlikely to cause negative health outcomes for the most vulnerable. It is also in alignment with the 82°F indoor temperature threshold that triggers protections for workers across the State of California. |