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### **§ 17000. Short title**

This part shall be known as the Employee Housing Act.

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**§§ 17000.1 to 17000.4. Repealed by Stats.1961, c. 1844, p. 3919, § 7**

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### **§ 17001. Compliance with building standards and regulations; local standards**

Buildings used for human habitation, and buildings accessory thereto, within employee housing shall comply with the building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing and with the other regulations adopted pursuant to this part, unless a local ordinance prescribing minimum standards adopted in accordance with [Sections 17958.5](#) and [17958.7](#) which is equal to such regulations is applicable. Notwithstanding the provisions of [Section 17050](#), if such a local ordinance is applicable to buildings used for human habitation, and buildings accessory thereto, within employee housing, these buildings shall comply with the construction and erection provisions of the ordinance.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17002. Use of material, appliance, etc., not prescribed by this part; approval of alternate; ordinances**

The provisions of this part are not intended to prevent the use of any material, appliance, installation, device, ar-

rangement, or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this part if such alternate has been approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Department of Housing and Community Development may approve any such alternate if it finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and that the material, appliance, installation, device, arrangement, or method of construction offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this part in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety, for the protection of life and health.

This section shall not apply to a local ordinance which is applicable pursuant to [Section 17001](#).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17003. Commission**

"Commission," as used in this part, means the Commission of Housing and Community Development.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17003.5. Reference to commission of housing and community development deemed to be to department of housing and community development; exercise of powers and duties**

Any reference in this division to the Commission of Housing and Community Development shall be deemed to be to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the department may exercise all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the commission.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17004. Department**

"Department," as used in this part, means the Department of Housing and Community Development.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17005. Employee; exclusions**

"Employee," as used in this part, does not include any of the following:

- (a) A person engaged in household domestic service.
- (b) A person employed under circumstances in which his wages are incidental to professional training and where the employer is exempt from taxation under [subdivision \(b\) of Section 4 of Article XIII of the California Constitution](#).
- (c) A person employed incidental to training for, or in furtherance of, a religious vocation and where the employer is exempt from taxation under [subdivision \(f\) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the California Constitution](#).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17005.5. Employee community housing**

(a) "Employee community housing" means a community of single family detached dwellings which meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Each dwelling has a minimum of four rooms, including a separate kitchen and a separate bathroom.
- (2) Each dwelling is owned or operated by an employer, and maintained by such employer in compliance with the provisions of the State Housing Law, [FN1] and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, which materially affect health and safety.
- (3) Each dwelling is inhabited by not more than one family, which includes at least one permanent year-round employee of the employer who owns or operates the dwelling.
- (4) Each dwelling has direct access to a publicly owned and maintained road.
- (5) Each dwelling is located within a community, as defined in subdivision (b).

(b) "Community" means not less than 200 single family detached dwellings meeting the requirements of subdivision (a), which are adjacent or in close proximity to each other, and which have maintenance services available to the residents of the dwelling units provided by persons employed by the employer for the express purpose of providing such services.

[FN1] [Health and Safety Code § 17910 et seq.](#)

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17006. Resident-employment housing**

"Resident-employment housing," as used in this part, means apartment houses, hotels, motels, or dwellings, where living quarters are provided for five or more employees employed in the management, maintenance, or operation of an apartment house, hotel, motel, or dwellings.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17007. Enforcement agency**

"Enforcement agency," as used in this part, means the Department of Housing and Community Development, or any city, county, or city and county which has assumed responsibility for the enforcement of this part, pursuant to [Section 17050](#).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17008. Employee housing**

(a) "Employee housing," as used in this part, means any portion of any housing accommodation, or property upon which a housing accommodation is located, if all of the following factors exist:

(1) The accommodations consist of any living quarters, dwelling, boardinghouse, tent, bunkhouse, maintenance-of-way car, mobilehome, manufactured home, recreational vehicle, travel trailer, or other housing accommodations, maintained in one or more buildings or one or more sites, and the premises upon which they are situated or the area set aside and provided for parking of mobilehomes or camping of five or more employees by the employer.

(2) The accommodations are maintained in connection with any work or place where work is being performed, whether or not rent is involved.

(b)(1) "Employee housing," as used in this part, also includes any portion of any housing accommodation or property upon which housing accommodations are located, if all of the following factors exist:

(A) The housing accommodations or property are located in any rural area, as defined by [Section 50101](#).

(B) The housing accommodations or property are not maintained in connection with any work or workplace.

(C) The housing accommodations or property are provided by someone other than an agricultural employer, as defined in [Section 1140.4 of the Labor Code](#).

(D) The housing accommodations or property are used by five or more agricultural employees of any agricultural employer or employers for any of the following:

(i) Temporary or seasonal residency.

(ii) Permanent residency, if the housing accommodation is a mobilehome, manufactured home, travel trailer, or recreational vehicle.

(iii) Permanent residency, if the housing accommodation is subject to the State Housing Law and is more than 30 years old and at least 51 percent of the structures in the housing accommodation, or 51 percent of the accommodation if not separated into units, are occupied by agricultural employees.

(E) "Employee housing" does not include a hotel, motel, inn, tourist hotel, multifamily dwelling, or single-family house if all of the following factors exist:

(i) The housing is offered and rented to nonagricultural employees on the same terms that it is offered and rented to agricultural employees.

(ii) None of the occupants of the housing are employed by the owner or property manager of the housing or any party with an interest in the housing.

(iii) None of the occupants of the housing have rent deducted from their wages.

(iv) The owner or property manager of the housing is not an agricultural employer as defined in [Section 1140.4 of the Labor Code](#), or an agent, as it relates to the housing in question, of an agricultural employer.

(v) Negotiation of the terms of occupancy of the housing is conducted between each occupant and the owner of the housing or between each occupant and a manager of the property who is employed by the owner of the hous-

ing.

(vi) The occupants are not required to live in the housing as a condition of employment or of securing employment and the occupants are not referred to live in the housing by the employer of the occupants, the agent of the employer of the occupants, or an agricultural employer as defined in [Section 1140.4 of the Labor Code](#).

(vii) The housing accommodation was not at any time prior to January 1, 1984, employee housing as defined in subdivision (a).

(2) "Employee housing," as defined by this subdivision, does not include a hotel, motel, inn, tourist hotel, or permanent housing as defined by [subdivision \(d\) of Section 17010](#), which has not been maintained, prior to January 1, 1984, or is not maintained on or after that date, as employee housing, as defined in subdivision (a).

(3) If at any time prior to January 1, 1984, a housing accommodation was employee housing, as defined in subdivision (a), and on or after January 1, 1984, was employee housing, as defined in this subdivision, the owner and operator shall comply with all requirements of this part. The owner and operator of any other housing accommodation which is employee housing pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to the licensing and inspection provisions of this part and shall comply with all other provisions of this part, except that if any portion of the housing accommodation is held out for rent or lease to the general public, the construction and physical maintenance standards of the housing accommodation shall be consistent with the applicable provisions of the State Housing Law, Part 1.5 (commencing with [Section 17910](#)), the Mobilehome-Manufactured Homes Act, Part 2 (commencing with [Section 18000](#)); or the Mobilehome Parks Act, Part 2.1 (commencing with [Section 18200](#)). The owner or operator of the employee housing shall designate all units or spaces which are employee housing, as defined in this subdivision, for the purpose of inspection and licensing by the enforcement agency, subject to confirmation by the enforcement agency, based on all relevant evidence.

(c) "Employee housing" does not include employee community housing, as defined by [Section 17005.5](#), which has been granted an exemption pursuant to [Section 17031.3](#); housing, and the premises upon which it is situated, owned by a public entity; or privately owned housing, including ownership by a nonprofit entity, and the premises upon which it is situated, financed with public funds equaling 50 percent or more of the original development or purchase cost.

(d) "Employee housing" means the same as "labor camp," as that term may be used in this or other codes and, notwithstanding any local ordinance to the contrary in a general law or charter city, county, or city and county, shall be deemed a residential use if it exists in structures that are single-family houses or apartment houses as those terms are used in the State Housing Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with [Section 17910](#))).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**[§ 17008.7. Repealed by Stats.1998, c. 371 \(S.B.302\), § 1](#)**

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**[§ 17009. Labor supply employee housing](#)**

"Labor supply employee housing," as used in this part, means any place, area, or piece of land where housing is

provided for five or more employees or prospective employees of another by any individual, firm, partnership, association, or corporation that, for a fee or in-kind payment, employs persons to render personal services for, or under the direction of, a third person, or that recruits, solicits, supplies, or hires persons on behalf of an employer, and that, for a fee or in-kind payment, provides in connection therewith one or more of the following services:

- (a) Furnishes board, lodging, or transportation for such employees or prospective employees.
- (b) Supervises, times, checks, counts, weighs, or otherwise directs or measures the work of such employees.
- (c) Disburses wage payments to such employees.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17009.5. Person**

- (a) "Person," as used in this part, includes any natural person, firm, association, organization, partnership, business trust, company, joint stock company, corporation, limited liability company, joint venture, or other organizations of persons.
- (b) "Person," as used in this part, may be used interchangeably with "tenant" or "employee," and those terms are used interchangeably when the context does not imply an employer or an owner of employee housing.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17010. Temporary employee housing; seasonal employee housing; permanent employee housing; permanent single-family employee housing**

- (a) "Temporary employee housing," as used in this part, means a labor camp which is not operated on the same site annually and which is established for one operation and is then removed.
- (b) "Seasonal employee housing," as used in this part, means any camp which is operated annually on the same site and which is occupied for not more than 180 days in any calendar year.
- (c) "Permanent employee housing," as used in this part, means any labor camp which is not temporary or seasonal.
- (d) "Permanent single-family employee housing," as used in this part, means single-family detached dwellings, mobilehomes, as defined in [Section 18008](#), manufactured homes, as defined in [Section 18007](#), or factory-built housing, as defined in [Section 19971](#), constructed and maintained in accordance with applicable state or federal laws, including required permits and inspections. Each dwelling shall be inhabited by only one family, which includes at least one permanent year-round employee. "Permanent single-family employee housing" does not include housing accommodations or property, as defined in [subparagraph \(D\) of paragraph \(1\) of subdivision \(b\) of Section 17008](#).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17011. Sleeping place**

"Sleeping place," as used in this part, means a dwelling, bunkhouse, tent, mobilehome, or other structure or shelter in which employees are housed in any employee housing.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17012. Repealed by Stats.1992, c. 1298 (A.B.3526), § 11**

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**Chapter 2. Application and Scope (Refs & Annos)****§ 17020. Supremacy over local ordinances or regulations; continuation of existing rules and regulations; duration of building standards**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this part, the provisions of this part, building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, and the other rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this part which relate to labor camps apply in all parts of the state and supersede any ordinance or regulations enacted by any city, county, or city and county applicable to labor camps. Rules and regulations adopted or continued in effect prior to January 1, 1980, by former Chapter 4 (commencing with [Section 2610](#)) of Part 9 of Division 2 of the Labor Code are hereby continued in effect as rules and regulations under this part until amended or repealed by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

(b) Building standards, as defined by [Section 18909](#), shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1985, or until adopted, amended, or superseded by provisions published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with [Section 18935](#)) of Part 2.5, whichever occurs sooner.

**Effective: July 30, 2001**

**§ 17021. Reservation to local jurisdiction for local use zones, fire zones, property lines, water supply and sewage disposal; exception for construction or improvement to agricultural employee housing; compliance with California Environmental Quality Act; recovery of costs incurred for review of application or permit denial**

(a) Except as provided in [Sections 17021.5](#) and [17021.6](#), local use zone requirements, local fire zones, property line, source of water supply and method of sewage disposal requirements are hereby specifically and entirely reserved to the local jurisdictions.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to a building permit, grading permit, or other approval from a city or county building department for the rehabilitation of real property improvements that are or will be employee housing for agricultural employees, or from a city or county health department for the operation, construction, or repair of a water system or waste disposal system servicing employee housing for agricultural employees, all of the following processing requirements shall apply:

(1) The local building or health department shall have up to 60 calendar days to approve or deny a complete application or permit request accompanied by applicable fees, or a shorter time period if required by the Permit Streamlining Act (Chapter 4.5 (commencing with [Section 65920](#)) of [Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code](#)). An application or permit request may be denied on procedural grounds only if the denial occurs within 30 calendar days and the denial includes an itemization of the procedural defects. An application or permit request may be denied on substantive grounds if the denial includes an itemization of all substantive defects.

(2) If the application or permit request is not approved or denied by the local building or health department within the period prescribed by paragraph (1), then the Department of Housing and Community Development may approve the application or permit request if it determines that the plans are consistent with all applicable building codes and health and safety requirements. At that time, the applicant may initiate any work consistent with the application or permit approved pursuant to this subdivision. Upon completion of the work, any other state or local agency shall accept the improvements as if they had been approved by the local building or health department. However, if that other local agency identifies any defects that would have resulted in that agency's disapproval of the improvements or plans thereto, those defects may be identified by the agency and shall be corrected by the applicant. The local building or health department shall inspect the plans and improvements prior to and during rehabilitation and issue a certificate of completion if the work is consistent with the plans and all applicable building codes and health and safety requirements.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt an application or permit request from complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with [Section 21000](#)) of the [Public Resources Code](#)).

(d) For purposes of this section, "agricultural employee" has the same meaning specified in [subdivision \(b\) of Section 1140.4 of the Labor Code](#).

(e) The Department of Housing and Community Development may recover from a local building or health department costs incurred to review an application or permit request in compliance with paragraph (2) of subdivision (b). The amount recoverable may not exceed the applicable plan check fee published by the International Conference of Building Officials.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17021.5. Single-family structure with residential land use designation; treatment of employee housing; definition**

(a) Any employee housing which has qualified, or is intended to qualify, for a permit to operate pursuant to this part may invoke the provisions of this section.

(b) Any employee housing providing accommodations for six or fewer employees shall be deemed a single-family structure with a residential land use designation for the purposes of this section. For the purpose of all local ordinances, employee housing shall not be included within the definition of a boarding house, rooming house, hotel, dormitory, or other similar term that implies that the employee housing is a business run for profit or differs in any other way from a family dwelling. No conditional use permit, zoning variance, or other zoning clearance shall be required of employee housing that serves six or fewer employees that is not required of a family

dwelling of the same type in the same zone. Use of a family dwelling for purposes of employee housing serving six or fewer persons shall not constitute a change of occupancy for purposes of Part 1.5 (commencing with [Section 17910](#)) or local building codes.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this part, employee housing that serves six or fewer employees shall not be subject to any business taxes, local registration fees, use permit fees, or other fees to which other family dwellings of the same type in the same zone are not likewise subject. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to forbid the imposition of local property taxes, fees for water services and garbage collection, fees for normal inspections, local bond assessments, and other fees, charges, and assessments to which other family dwellings of the same type in the same zone are likewise subject. Neither the State Fire Marshal nor any local public entity shall charge any fee to the owner, operator or any resident for enforcing fire inspection regulations pursuant to state law or regulation or local ordinance, with respect to employee housing which serves six or fewer persons.

(d) For the purposes of any contract, deed, or covenant for the transfer of real property, employee housing which serves six or fewer employees shall be considered a residential use of property and a use of property by a single household, notwithstanding any disclaimers to the contrary. For purposes of this section, "employee housing" includes employee housing defined in [subdivision \(b\) of Section 17008](#), even if the housing accommodations or property are not located in a rural area, as defined by [Section 50101](#).

(e) The Legislature hereby declares that it is the policy of this state that each county and city shall permit and encourage the development and use of sufficient numbers and types of employee housing facilities as are commensurate with local needs. This section shall apply equally to any charter city, general law city, county, city and county, district and any other local public entity.

**Effective: January 01, 2007**

**[§ 17021.6. Agricultural land use designation for employee housing; exemption from certain fees and taxes; definition; failure to maintain permit](#)**

(a) The owner of any employee housing who has qualified or intends to qualify for a permit to operate pursuant to this part may invoke this section.

(b) Any employee housing consisting of no more than 36 beds in a group quarters or 12 units or spaces designed for use by a single family or household shall be deemed an agricultural land use designation for the purposes of this section. For the purpose of all local ordinances, employee housing shall not be deemed a use that implies that the employee housing is an activity that differs in any other way from an agricultural use. No conditional use permit, zoning variance, or other zoning clearance shall be required of this employee housing that is not required of any other agricultural activity in the same zone. The permitted occupancy in employee housing in an agricultural zone shall include agricultural employees who do not work on the property where the employee housing is located.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this part, employee housing consisting of no more than 36 beds in a group quarters or 12 units or spaces designed for use by a single family or household shall not be subject to any business taxes, local registration fees, use permit fees, or other fees to which other agricultural activities in the same zone are not likewise subject. This subdivision does not forbid the imposition of local property taxes, fees for

water services and garbage collection, fees for normal inspections, local bond assessments, and other fees, charges, and assessments to which other agricultural activities in the same zone are likewise subject. Neither the State Fire Marshal nor any local public entity shall charge any fee to the owner, operator, or any resident for enforcing fire inspection regulation pursuant to state law or regulations or local ordinance, with respect to employee housing consisting of no more than 36 beds in a group quarters or 12 units or spaces designed for use by a single family or household.

(d) For the purposes of any contract, deed, or covenant for the transfer of real property, employee housing consisting of no more than 36 beds in a group quarters or 12 units or spaces designed for use by a single family or household shall be considered an agricultural use of property, notwithstanding any disclaimers to the contrary. For purposes of this section, "employee housing" includes employee housing defined in [subdivision \(b\) of Section 17008](#), even if the housing accommodations or property are not located in a rural area, as defined by [Section 50101](#).

(e) The Legislature hereby declares that it is the policy of this state that each county and city shall permit and encourage the development and use of sufficient numbers and types of employee housing facilities as are commensurate with local need. This section shall apply equally to any charter city, general law city, county, city and county, district, and any other local public entity.

(f) If any owner who invokes the provisions of this section fails to maintain a permit to operate pursuant to this part throughout the first 10 consecutive years following the issuance of the original certificate of occupancy, both of the following shall occur:

(1) The enforcement agency shall notify the appropriate local government entity.

(2) The public agency that has waived any taxes, fees, assessments, or charges for employee housing pursuant to this section may recover the amount of those taxes, fees, assessments, or charges from the landowner, less 10 percent of that amount for each year that a valid permit has been maintained.

(g) Subdivision (f) shall not apply to an owner of any prospective, planned, or unfinished employee housing facility who has applied to the appropriate state and local public entities for a permit to construct or operate pursuant to this part prior to January 1, 1996.

**Effective: January 01, 2004**

**§ 17021.7. Mobilehomes and recreational vehicles used to house agricultural employees; maintenance requirement**

Notwithstanding [subdivision \(b\) of Section 18214](#), [subdivision \(b\) of Section 18862.39](#), and [subdivision \(b\) of Section 18862.47](#), mobilehomes and recreational vehicles used to house agricultural employees shall be maintained in conformity with the applicable requirements of the Mobilehome Parks Act (Part 2.1 (commencing with [Section 18200](#))).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17022. Occupational safety and health standards; enforcement**

Enforcement of occupational safety and health standards established pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with [Section 140](#)) of Division 1 of the Labor Code is hereby specifically and entirely reserved to the Division of Industrial Safety.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17022.5. Model or prototype plans for employee housing**

The department shall adopt, and make available to the public, model or prototype plans for several types of employee housing, including, but not limited to, barracks, seasonal housing, family housing, and recreational vehicle parks. Any person intending to construct employee housing may adopt one or more of these models as the plans for the proposed housing.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17023. Application of rules and regulations; duration of building standards**

(a) Rules and regulations adopted or continued in effect pursuant to the provisions of this part relating to the erection or construction of buildings or structures within employee housing shall not apply to existing buildings or structures or to buildings and structures as to which construction is commenced or approved prior to the effective date of the rules and regulations, except by act of the Legislature, but regulations relating to use, maintenance, and occupancy shall apply to all employee housing approved for construction and operation before or after the effective date of these rules and regulations.

(b) Building standards, as defined in [Section 18909](#), shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1985, or until adopted, amended, or superseded by provisions published in the State Building Standards Code pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with [Section 18935](#)) of Part 2.5, whichever occurs sooner.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17024. Housing for faculty or employees of schools, colleges, or universities**

This part does not apply to resident-employment housing provided for faculty or employees of any public or privately operated school, college, or university. This part does not apply to any employee housing owned, operated, and maintained by any of the following:

- (a) The federal government.
- (b) The state.
- (c) Any agency or political subdivision of the state.
- (d) Any city, county, or city and county.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **Chapter 3. Permits and Fees (Refs & Annos)**

### **§ 17030. Permit required; exemptions; enforcement for railroad corporations**

(a) Every person operating employee housing shall obtain a permit to operate that employee housing from the enforcement agency, unless otherwise exempted by this part. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate employee housing without a valid permit to operate issued by the enforcement agency, as required by this part. Permits to operate shall be issued annually by the enforcement agency, except as provided in this section and [Section 17030.5](#).

(b) Employee housing on a dairy farm which meets the requirements of [Section 32505 of the Food and Agricultural Code](#), consisting only of permanent single-family employee housing, may be exempted from the requirement of obtaining a permit to operate employee housing, as provided in [Section 17031](#). This housing shall meet the requirements of the State Housing Law [FN1] before an exemption is granted.

(c) A permit to operate shall be valid from the date of issuance through December 31 of the year of issuance, or December 31 of the year designated by the enforcement agency for permanent single-family employee housing. Permits to operate employee housing may prescribe conditions on the use or occupancy of the employee housing.

(d) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall be the enforcement agency for any employee housing owned or operated by a railroad corporation.

[FN1] [Health and Safety Code § 17910 et seq.](#)

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17030.5. Permanent single-family housing; duration of permit; findings**

(a) A permit to operate employee housing consisting only of permanent single-family housing may, when approved by the enforcement agency, be issued for a longer period of time not to exceed five years.

(b) No permit to operate employee housing shall be issued for a period of time longer than one year during the first year of operation of the employee housing, or if within the previous two years the employee housing has been found to be in violation of this part or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Whenever the enforcement agency issues a permit for a period of time longer than one year, it shall make written findings indicating the reasons for issuing such a permit.

(c) The findings of the enforcement agency pursuant to subdivision (b) shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(1) The year the dwellings in the employee housing were constructed.

(2) The number of years the employee housing has been operated with a valid permit to operate.

(3) The number and character of any complaints received during the time the employee housing has been operating either with or without a permit.

(4) Any violations cited in the last inspection of the employee housing.

**Effective: January 01, 2001**

**§ 17031. Permanent housing; exemption from annual permit requirement; procedure; conditions; findings; revocation**

(a)(1) The operator of employee housing on a dairy farm that meets the requirements of [Section 32505 of the Food and Agricultural Code](#), consisting only of permanent single-family employee housing, may request an exemption from the requirement of obtaining an annual permit to operate. The employee housing camp operator shall notify each tenant of the permanent single-family employee housing in writing that such an exemption is being requested. The request for exemption shall be made in writing to the enforcement agency.

(2) An exemption shall be granted to permanent single-family employee housing unless the housing is in violation of the State Housing Law [FN1], building standards published in the California Building Standards Code [FN2] relating to employee housing, or the other regulations adopted pursuant to the State Housing Law [FN1] in a manner that materially affects the health and safety of the occupants, or in the case of a mobilehome or manufactured home, is in violation of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 ([42 U.S.C. Secs. 5401, et seq.](#)) or regulations of the department pursuant to [Section 18028](#) in a manner that materially affects the health and safety of the occupants, or has been found in violation of this chapter within the previous two years.

(b) Whenever the enforcement agency issues an exemption from the requirement of obtaining a permit to operate, it shall make written findings indicating the reasons for issuing the exemption. Exemptions shall be reviewed annually by the enforcement agency.

The findings of the enforcement agency shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following information:

- (1) The year the dwellings in the employee housing were constructed.
  - (2) The number of years the employee housing has been operated with a valid permit to operate.
  - (3) The number and character of any complaints received during the time the employee housing has been operating either with or without a permit.
  - (4) Any violations cited in the last inspection of the employee housing.
- (c) Failure to maintain any permanent housing in accordance with the State Housing Law, or, in the case of mobilehomes or manufactured homes, failure to maintain these mobilehomes or manufactured homes in accordance with the provisions of Part 2.1 (commencing with [Section 18200](#)) of Division 13, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, in a manner which materially affects the health and safety of the occupants, shall be considered cause for revocation of an exemption.

[FN1] [Health and Safety Code § 17910 et seq.](#)

[FN2] [Health and Safety Code § 18935 et seq.](#)

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17031.3. Permit for employee community housing; exemptions**

(a) Every person operating or owning employee community housing shall obtain a permit to operate such housing as a labor camp pursuant to this part unless an exemption is granted by the enforcement agency pursuant to this section. A request for an exemption for each community shall be made in writing to the enforcement agency. The person requesting the exemption shall give written notice to each employee/tenant of the employee community housing that an exemption is being requested. The notice shall state the address and telephone number of the enforcement agency, and shall state that any employee/tenant may inform the enforcement agency of violations of health and safety standards within his or her dwelling unit.

(b) The enforcement agency, after a review of all relevant facts, shall grant an exemption to the owner or operator of the employee community housing unless it finds any of the following:

(1) The housing is in violation of provisions of the State Housing Law [FN1] or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto in a manner which materially affects the health and safety of the residents of the housing.

(2) The housing, within the previous two years, has been found in violation of the provisions of this part or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto in a manner which materially affects the health and safety of the residents of the housing.

(3) The housing does not meet the requirements of employee community housing as defined by [Section 17005.5](#).

(c) An exemption granted for employee community housing in one community shall not apply to employee community housing in other communities operated or owned by the same person.

(d) Employee community housing granted an exemption pursuant to this section, during the period of such exemption, shall be subject to the provisions of the State Housing Law. During this period, any notice of violation of such law and verification of corrective action shall be forwarded to the department. Not less than once every 10 years after an exemption is granted pursuant to this part, every person operating or owning employee community housing shall give written notice to each employee/tenant of the employee community housing which shall state the address and telephone number of the enforcement agency, and shall state that any employee/tenant may inform the enforcement agency of violations of health and safety standards within his or her dwelling unit.

(e) The exemption granted pursuant to this section shall be rescinded by the enforcement agency if the employee community housing is not operated or maintained in substantial compliance with [Section 17005.5](#).

[FN1] [Health and Safety Code § 17910 et seq.](#)

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17031.4. Local enforcement agency; information to department**

When the enforcement agency is a local agency, upon granting an exemption pursuant to [Section 17031.3](#), the enforcement agency shall submit the following information to the department:

- (a) The year the housing was constructed.
- (b) The number of years, if any, the housing has been operated as employee housing with a valid permit to operate.
- (c) The number and character of any complaints received during the time the housing has been operated as employee housing.
- (d) Any violations of the provisions of this part and the State Housing Law [FN1] which materially affect health and safety cited in the last inspection of the housing.
- (e) That the employee community housing has been exempted pursuant to [Section 17031.3](#), and conforms with the requirements of [Section 17005.5](#).

[FN1] [Health and Safety Code § 17910 et seq.](#)

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17031.5. Employee housing; termination or modification of tenancy; tenants' rights**

(a) No person operating employee housing shall terminate or modify a tenancy by increasing rent, decreasing services, threatening to bring or bringing an action to evict, refusing to renew a tenancy, or in any other way intimidating, threatening, restraining, coercing, blacklisting, or discharging an employee or tenant because of the tenant's exercise of any of the following acts:

- (1) Complaining in good faith, orally or in writing, to the operator, landlord, or employer about tenantability or about any right provided by this part.
- (2) Exercising any legal right with respect to the housing provided by this part.
- (3) Complaining in good faith, orally or in writing, to any applicable enforcement agency about tenantability or about any right provided by this part.
- (4) Bringing an action to enforce any rights provided for by this part or Chapter 2 (commencing with [Section 1940](#)) of Title 5 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code.
- (5) Bringing an action under [Section 1942.5 of the Civil Code](#).

(b) The tenant shall have a defense of retaliation in any action for possession if the employer or landlord acted in violation of this section. If the employer or landlord acts to discharge an employee or tenant or to modify or terminate a tenancy within six months after the employee or tenant has exercised any of the acts enumerated in subdivision (a), there is a rebuttable presumption affecting the burden of proof that the employer's or landlord's action was retaliatory.

(c) No tenant shall have a defense of retaliation in an action for possession where tenantability is an issue of fact and the untenable condition was caused by the deliberate or negligent act or omission of the tenant or a member of his or her family, or other persons on the premises with his or her consent.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17031.6. Eviction proceedings; defenses; payment of reasonable monthly rental value to court in cases of delay or continuance**

(a) In any action brought pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with [Section 1159](#)) of Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, in order to evict a tenant from employee housing, this section shall apply to that proceeding, notwithstanding any other provision of law including, but not limited to, [Section 1170.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure](#).

(b) If, in an action subject to this section, a tenant alleges both of the following in an answer or other response to an unlawful detainer action, the trial on that action shall be set not earlier than 30 days from the date of filing the answer, and in no event prior to the completion of reasonable and diligently pursued discovery, as determined by the court, unless both parties stipulate to an earlier date:

(1) The tenant is not guilty of unlawful detainer because he or she has engaged in protected activity pursuant to [Section 1942.5 of the Civil Code](#) or [Section 17031.5](#) of this code.

(2) The landlord's claim that the eviction is to allow the landlord to remove the subject rental unit from use as employee housing or from the market in order to rehabilitate or demolish it is a pretext to retaliate against the tenant.

(c) If, in an action subject to this section, a tenant alleged that he or she is not guilty of unlawful detainer because he or she has engaged in protected activity pursuant to [Section 1942.5 of the Civil Code](#) or [Section 17031.5](#), and the landlord alleges or introduces evidence at trial that the purpose of the eviction is to allow the landlord to remove the subject rental unit from use as employee housing or from the market in order to rehabilitate or demolish it, the court shall immediately continue the trial for not less than 30 days, unless both parties stipulate to a waiver of this requirement.

(d) (1) If, pursuant to this section, a trial is delayed or continued, the court, may, upon a noticed motion for a payment order by the lessor, order the monthly payment of the reasonable monthly rental value to the court, if rent were otherwise due, as a condition of issuing the delay or continuance order.

(2) "Reasonable monthly rental value," as used in this subdivision, means the amount determined by the court after deducting from the contract rent any set offs, including, but not limited to, a reduction in the rent because the dwelling is partially or completely untenantable or rent abatements due to the tenant or lessee. In addition, in determining whether to order the payment of a reasonable monthly rental value to the court, or in ascertaining its amount, the court shall consider the probability of the tenant or lessee prevailing in the trial, the financial ability of the tenant or lessee to maintain this action, and any other factor relevant to the proposed payment order.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17031.7. Retaliatory employment action**

(a) No person operating employee community housing that has been granted an exemption pursuant to [Section 17031.3](#), or who is in the process of applying for such exemption, shall take any retaliatory employment action

against an employee/tenant because of the employee/tenant's exercise of any of the following acts:

- (1) Exercising any legal right with respect to the housing.
  - (2) Complaining, orally or in writing, to the landlord or employer about tenantability of the housing.
  - (3) Complaining, orally or in writing, to any applicable agency about tenantability of the housing.
  - (4) Bringing an action to enforce any rights provided for by this part or Chapter 2 (commencing with [Section 1940](#)) of Title 5 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code.
- (b) "Retaliatory employment action" includes discharge from employment, wage decrease, demotion, or any other action detrimental to the employee/tenant's employment status because of the employee/tenant's exercise of the enumerated acts.
- (c) Any person subject to this section shall also be subject to the provisions of [Section 1942.5 of the Civil Code](#).

**Effective: July 28, 2009**

**§ 17031.8. Local enforcement agency; submission of information; annual report**

- (a) An agency that exercises the responsibility for the enforcement of this part pursuant to [Section 17050](#) shall submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development, on forms provided by the department, the information specified in subdivision (c) by March 31 of each year regarding the previous calendar year.
- (b) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall gather the information specified in subdivision (c) for all permittees for which it acts as the enforcement agency and include a summary of the information from the permittees and enforcement agencies in the annual report submitted pursuant to [Section 50408](#) regarding housing programs administered by the department. This subdivision shall be inoperative from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2012, inclusive.
- (c) The following information shall be provided for purposes of subdivisions (a) and (b) for the reporting year:
- (1) The number and location of employee housing accommodations, including the number of permits to operate issued for employee housing accommodations.
  - (2) The number and location of inactive employee housing accommodations.
  - (3) The number and location of employee housing accommodations found operating without a permit.
  - (4) The number of employees occupying employee housing accommodations with a permit.
  - (5) The number of employees occupying accommodations found to be operating without a permit.
  - (6) The number and types of inspections and reinspections performed.
  - (7) A schedule of fees charged, the amount of fees collected for each type of fee charged and the total amount of

fees collected.

(8) The number of complaints received during the reporting year and the character of any violations found for each accommodation operating under permit, operating without a permit, or inactive.

(9) The number and character of violations of this part and regulations adopted pursuant to this part found during inspection of each accommodation operating under permit, or operating without a permit.

(10) The number of violations of this part and regulations adopted pursuant to this part that resulted in civil citations.

(11) The number of cases referred to prosecutorial agencies such as the Attorney General or local district attorneys, the number of cases filed to enforce this part, and the amounts of all fines and civil penalties collected as a result of the enforcement of this part.

(12) The number of staff hours dedicated to the implementation of the Employee Housing Act (Part 1 (commencing with [Section 17000](#))).

(13) The number and location of employee housing receiving an exemption pursuant to [Section 17031](#), [17031.3](#), [17031.4](#), or [17033](#).

(d) The information specified in subdivision (c) shall be maintained by the department and provided to members of the public who have requested it in writing.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17032. Applications; time; contents; amended permits**

Application for a permit to operate shall be made to the enforcement agency at least 45 days prior to the date of initial occupancy and shall be on the forms supplied by the enforcement agency and shall contain at least the following information:

(a) The name and address and telephone numbers of the employee housing owner and operator.

(b) The location of the employee housing.

(c) Approximate number of occupants to be housed.

(d) A description of the facilities comprising the employee housing.

(e) Approximate dates of occupancy.

The operator shall obtain an amended permit to operate when there is any change in the foregoing information applicable to the employee housing.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17033. Railroad corporations; permits to operate employee housing**

Section 17032 shall not apply to employee housing owned or operated by railroad corporations. Application for a permit to operate employee housing owned or operated by a railroad corporation shall be made to the Department of Housing and Community Development within 30 days of initial occupancy and shall contain at least the following information:

- (a) The name and address and telephone numbers of the employee housing owner and operator.
- (b) The present location of the employee housing.
- (c) The present approximate number of occupants to be housed.
- (d) A description of the present facilities comprising the employee housing.
- (e) Approximate dates of present occupancy. An amended permit shall not be required if there is any change in the foregoing information applicable to the railroad employee housing, provided, however, the railroad corporation shall make this information available to the department upon reasonable request.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17034. Violations**

If any person who holds an annual permit to operate employee housing violates any of the provisions of this part, building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, the other regulations adopted pursuant to the provisions of this part, or conditions of the permit, the enforcement agency shall proceed according to Section 17055 immediately upon discovery of such a violation.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

### **§ 17035. Roster**

The department shall establish and maintain a roster of all employee housing having a valid permit to operate.

**Effective: July 28, 2009**

### **§ 17036. Regulations; fees; minimum permit fees; increase**

- (a) Except as provided in Section 18930, the department shall adopt regulations that it determines are necessary for the administration and enforcement of this part. The regulations adopted, amended, or repealed shall prescribe reasonable requirements for issuance of permits and establish procedures for suspension of permits, including appeal procedures.
- (b) The department shall establish a schedule of fees to pay for the cost of administration and enforcement of this part, that includes, but is not limited to, the following minimum permit fees:
  - (1) A two-hundred-dollar (\$200) issuance fee for a permit to operate employee housing for each employee hous-

ing facility.

(2) A twenty-seven-dollar (\$27) permit operation fee for each employee the operator intends to house where that housing is supplied by the operator, and at least twenty-seven dollars (\$27) for each lot or site provided for parking or the placement of manufactured homes, mobilehomes, or recreational vehicles or other accommodations by employees.

(c) On or after January 1, 2010, the department may increase the fees established pursuant to subdivision (b), if necessary, to finance the costs of administration and enforcement of this part.

(d) The department may adopt additional regulations to facilitate the development of employee housing pursuant to [Sections 17021.5](#) and [17021.6](#).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17037. Compliance with requirements; failure to obtain permit; penalty fees**

Every person, or the agent or officer thereof, constructing, operating, or maintaining employee housing shall comply with the requirements of this part, with building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, and with the other regulations adopted pursuant to this part.

(a) Any person operating or maintaining employee housing without first having obtained a permit to operate from the enforcement agency shall pay double the fees prescribed for the permit to operate the employee housing.

(b) Any person found for a second or subsequent time within a five-year period to be operating or maintaining employee housing without first having obtained a permit to operate from the enforcement agency shall pay 10 times the fees prescribed for the permit to operate the employee housing. The two or more violations referenced in this paragraph may be with regard either to the same enforcement agency or to two or more different enforcement agencies.

**Effective: January 01, 2005**

**§ 17037.5. Certificate of non-operation; submittal to enforcement agency; requirements**

(a) Any person who ceases to operate or maintain employee housing that is subject to the permit requirement pursuant to this part shall be required to annually complete and submit a Certificate of Non-Operation to the enforcement agency. The Certificate of Non-Operation shall be submitted for two years following the discontinuation of the use of any area on the property as employee housing. The Certificate of Non-Operation shall attest under penalty of perjury that the employee housing has been destroyed, or is no longer owned or operated, or has not been and shall not be occupied by five or more employees during the calendar year.

(b) The Certificate of Non-Operation shall include the owner's name and address, the operator's name and address, the employee housing name and location, the maximum number of employees who have occupied or shall occupy the employee housing during the calendar year, and any other information considered relevant by the enforcement agency. The Certificate of Non-Operation shall be completed and submitted to the enforcement

agency no later than 30 calendar days after the enforcement agency provides the form to the owner or operator.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17038. Compliance; appointment of responsible person; emergency telephone number**

At all employee housing, a responsible person shall be appointed by the operator to maintain the employee housing in compliance with the use, maintenance, and occupancy requirements of this part and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. In addition, at all employee housing, an operating telephone number shall be posted conspicuously for the purposes of emergencies and complaints.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17039. Compliance; maintenance and sanitation; application of violation provisions**

(a) Every occupant of employee housing shall properly use the facilities furnished and shall comply with the relevant maintenance and sanitation provisions of this part.

(b) The provisions of Chapter 6 (commencing with [Section 17060](#)) do not apply to this section.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**Chapter 4. Rules and Regulations (Refs & Annos)**

**§ 17040. Duties of department; enforcement of building standards; adoption and submission of building standards**

(a) Except as provided in [Section 18930](#), the department shall adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations for the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare of employees and the public, governing the erection, construction, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, occupancy, use, sanitation, ventilation, and maintenance of all employee housing.

(b) The appropriate enforcement agency shall enforce building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing and other regulations of the department promulgated pursuant to subdivision (a), including, but not limited to, processing violations in accordance with [Sections 17274](#) and [24436.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code](#).

(c) The department shall adopt and submit building standards for approval pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with [Section 18935](#)) of Part 2.5 for the purposes described in this chapter.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17041. Consistency with accepted standards and practices; fee schedule; waiver or reduction of fees**

(a) Except as provided in [Section 17011](#), the rules and regulations adopted, amended, or repealed from time to time pursuant to this part shall be consistent with accepted standards and practices reasonably applicable to per-

manent and temporary employee housing and the utilization of housing or camping facilities. In promulgating rules and regulations, the department shall consider, among other things, geographic, topographic, and climatic conditions. The department may establish a schedule of fees for the construction and operation of employee housing wherever the department is the enforcing agency.

(b) The department may provide for the waiver or reduction of fees during construction or substantial rehabilitation that is not the result of a notice by an enforcement agency where funding is received from a public entity. The department shall provide for a waiver of the fees for an operating permit during the first three years of operation after new construction or substantial rehabilitation of employee housing that is not the result of a notice by an enforcement agency.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17042. Building standards; restrictions on department**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or of law, and except as provided in the State Building Standards Law, Part 2.5 (commencing with [Section 18900](#)), on and after January 1, 1980, the department shall not adopt or publish a building standard as defined in [Section 18909](#), unless the provisions of [Sections 18930](#), [18933](#), [18938](#), [18940](#), [18943](#), [18944](#), and [18945](#) are expressly excepted in the statute under which the authority to adopt rules, regulations, or orders is delegated. Any building standard adopted in violation of this section shall have no force or effect. Any building standard adopted before January 1, 1980, or continued in effect, pursuant to this part and not expressly excepted by statute from the provisions of the State Building Standards Law, shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1985, or until adopted, amended, or superseded by provisions published in the State Building Standards Code, whichever occurs sooner.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17043. Overcrowding of accommodations; notice; proceedings; appeal; vacation of accommodations; alternative housing**

<Text of section as added by Stats.1986, c. 1002, § 3, eff. Sept. 22, 1986.>

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the condition rendering any of the accommodations in a labor camp substandard is the overcrowding of the accommodations, the enforcement agency shall provide notice to the affected residents of the condition and shall give the residents of the accommodations a reasonable opportunity to correct the violation prior to the commencement of any action or proceeding pursuant to this part. If the enforcement agency determines to institute proceedings to correct the overcrowded condition, the residents may appear and be heard at a hearing convened as part of the proceedings. If the enforcement agency permits the owner or operator of the labor camp to appeal the initial notice of violation or order to abate, the residents shall also be permitted to appeal the initial notice of violation or order to abate. On appeal, if the enforcement agency determines that the only means of abatement is the vacation of the accommodations, the enforcement agency shall consider the availability of alternative housing for the residents, and shall, if alternative housing is not available, grant the residents a reasonable period of time, as determined by the enforcement agency, to find alternative housing.

<For another section of the same number, added by Stats.1986, c. 1495, § 5 and amended by Stats.1992, c. 1298 (A.B.3526), § 35, see Health and Safety Code § 17043, post.>

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17043. Overcrowding of accommodations; notice; proceedings; appeal; vacation of accommodations; alternative housing**

<Text of section as added by Stats.1986, c. 1495, § 5 and amended by Stats.1992, c. 1298 (A.B.3526), § 35.>

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the condition rendering any of the accommodations in employee housing substandard is the overcrowding of the accommodations, the enforcement agency shall provide notice to the affected residents of the condition and shall give the residents of the accommodations a reasonable opportunity to correct the violation prior to the commencement of any action or proceeding pursuant to this part. If the enforcement agency determines to institute proceedings to correct the overcrowded condition, the residents may appear and be heard at a hearing convened as part of the proceedings. If the enforcement agency permits the owner or operator of the employee housing to appeal the initial notice of violation or order to abate, the residents shall also be permitted to appeal the initial notice of violation or order to abate.

(b) On appeal, if the enforcement agency determines that the only means of abatement is the vacation of the accommodations, the enforcement agency shall consider the availability of alternative housing for the residents, and shall, if alternative housing is not available, grant the residents a reasonable period of time, as determined by the enforcement agency, to find alternative housing.

<For another section of the same number, added by Stats.1986, c. 1002, § 3, eff. Sept. 22, 1986, see Health and Safety Code § 17043, ante.>

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§§ 17044 to 17045. Repealed by Stats.1951, c. 1127, p. 2894, § 28**

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§§ 17044 to 17045. Repealed by Stats.1951, c. 1127, p. 2894, § 28**

**Effective: January 01, 2009**

**Chapter 5. Enforcement (Refs & Annos)**

**§ 17050. Local enforcement; assumption of enforcement by department; powers of enforcement agency**

(a) Except as provided in [Section 18930](#), the Department of Housing and Community Development may promulgate rules and regulations to interpret and make specific this part. When adopted, those rules and regulations shall apply to all parts of the state.

(b) Upon written notice to the Department of Housing and Community Development, any city, county, or city and county may assume the responsibility for the enforcement of this part, for the building standards published in the California Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, and for the other regulations adopted pursuant to this part following approval by the department for that assumption.

(c) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall adopt regulations which shall set forth the conditions for assumption and may include required qualifications of local enforcement agencies. When assumption is approved, the department shall transfer the responsibility for enforcement to the city, county, or city and county, together with all records of active and inactive employee housing within its jurisdiction.

(d) A city, county, or city and county may, by ordinance, establish a schedule of fees for the operation of employee housing not to exceed that which is established by the department. In no event may fees be charged to residents of employee housing.

(e)(1) In the event of nonenforcement of this part, of the building standards published in the California Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, or of the other rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this part, the department shall enforce this part, the building standards published in the California Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this part in any city, county, or city and county after the department has given written notice to the governing body of the city, county, or city and county, setting forth in what respects the city, county, or city and county has failed to discharge its responsibility, and has failed to initiate corrective measures to carry out its responsibility within 30 days of the date of the notice.

(2) On or after January 1, 1987, in the event the local enforcement agency has failed to initiate adequate and reasonable corrective measures to carry out its responsibility, as determined by the department, within 30 days of the date of notice of one or more specific examples of nonenforcement, the department, at its option, may undertake investigation and enforcement of the alleged violations of this part within the local enforcement agency's jurisdiction, and the local enforcement agency shall be liable to the department and the Attorney General for the actual costs of the investigation and enforcement by these state agencies.

(f)(1) The department shall conduct an annual evaluation of the enforcement of this part, of the building standards published in the California Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, and of the other regulations adopted pursuant to this part by each city, county, or city and county which has assumed responsibility for enforcement. The department shall submit a written summary of the evaluation conducted pursuant to this subdivision with the report required by [Section 50408](#).

(2) The department, in consultation with interested persons, including housing advocates and farming organizations, shall conduct an evaluation of the definition of "rural" as used in [paragraph \(1\) of subdivision \(b\) of Section 17008](#) and submit a written summary of the evaluation with the report required in calendar year 1996 by [Section 17031.8](#).

(g) Except as provided in [Section 18945](#), the department shall be sole judge as to whether the local enforcement agency is properly enforcing the provisions. Except as provided in [Section 18945](#), the local enforcement agency shall have the right to appeal the decision to the department.

(h)(1) Any city, county, or city and county may cancel its assumption of responsibility for the enforcement of these provisions by providing written notice of cancellation to the department. The department shall assume the responsibility within 90 days after receipt of the notice.

(2) A local enforcement agency that has been approved by the department to enforce the provisions of this chapter and cancels its assumption of responsibility and returns enforcement to the department under paragraph (1) shall remit to the department the fees established and collected under [Section 17036](#) and subdivision (d) that have not been expended pursuant to this chapter and the regulations adopted thereunder. For the purpose of this paragraph, the local enforcement agency shall either identify the actual expenditures and pay to the department the balance of fees collected, or shall pay the department a sum equal to the percentage of the years remaining before outstanding permits to operate expire.

(i) The enforcement agency may:

(1) Enter public or private properties to determine whether there exists any employee housing to which this part applies.

(2) Enter and inspect all employee housing wheresoever situated, and inspect all accommodations, equipment, or paraphernalia connected therewith.

(3) Enter and inspect the land adjacent to the employee housing to determine whether the sanitary and other requirements of this part, the building standards published in the California Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, and the other rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this part have been or are being complied with.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17051. Service of process or notice**

For the purpose of securing compliance with this part, the officers and agents of the enforcement agency may serve any process or notice throughout its jurisdiction.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17052. Annual inspections; exceptions**

The enforcement agency shall annually enter and inspect, and reinspect as necessary, all employee housing accommodations for compliance with the provisions of this part and regulations adopted pursuant to this part, except:

(a) Accommodations for employee housing consisting only of permanent single family housing that have been granted an exemption as provided in [Section 17031](#).

(b) Accommodations for employee housing that have been issued a multiyear permit to operate pursuant to [Section 17030.5](#).

(c) Accommodations for employee housing that are inactive.

(d) Accommodations for employee housing inspected in the prior calendar year with no violations identified or complaints received by the enforcement agency, which shall be inspected at least biennially.

The enforcement agency shall make every effort to complete the inspection prior to the occupancy of the employee housing.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17053. Complaint and information file; public record; availability to local enforcement agencies; district attorneys, and attorney general**

The department shall maintain a file of all reports of complaint or other significant information regarding employee housing maintenance and operation. Each file and information shall be available to local enforcement agencies, district attorneys, and the Attorney General. This material shall be a matter of public record.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17054. Attorney general; investigations; powers; prosecutions**

The Attorney General, upon the request of the Director of Housing and Community Development, shall conduct such investigations as may be necessary to determine whether any violation of any provision of this part has occurred. For such purpose, the Attorney General shall have the powers specified in [Section 17050](#).

The Attorney General shall conduct such prosecutions of violations of this part as the director may request.

**Effective: January 01, 2001**

**§ 17055. Administrative complaint; civil action**

(a) Any person residing in employee housing subject to this part may file an administrative complaint orally or in writing with the enforcement agency. The enforcement agency shall deliver a summary or copy of the complaint, by mail or in person, to the owner or operator, at the time of filing the complaint.

(b) If a civil action under this part has not been filed by the enforcement agency within 21 days after receipt of the complaint, the complainant may bring a civil action for injunctive or declaratory relief and appropriate statutory damages, civil penalties, actual damages, penalties, and other remedies which arise from any violation of this part, building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, regulations adopted pursuant to this part, or conditions of the permit.

(c) In any civil action under this section, if the enforcement agency certifies that the employee housing is in compliance with this part, building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, regulations adopted pursuant to this part, and conditions of the permit, no injunctive relief related to mandatory repairs shall be granted with respect to any alleged violation covered by the certificate.

(d) In any civil action brought by a private person or entity under this section, the private person or entity may

be granted reasonable attorney's fees and costs, in addition to any other remedy granted, if the private person or entity prevails, and if the trier of fact finds that the violations involve retaliation or are so extensive and of such a nature that the immediate health and safety of residents or the public is endangered or has been endangered.

(e) If a complainant alleges, and the court finds, that residents of the employee housing were in imminent peril as a result of serious violations of this part, the complainant may immediately proceed with the filing of a civil action without regard to the 21-day waiting period specified in subdivision (b).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17056. Prosecution of serious violators; implementation of part; bilingual civil service employees; report**

(a) In every part of the state, notwithstanding assumption of responsibilities by local enforcement agencies pursuant to [Section 17050](#), the department shall establish procedures and devote resources to locating and prosecuting the most serious violators of this part and those who refuse to apply for or obtain permits to operate pursuant to this part, as determined by the department.

(b) The department shall maximize the efforts of personnel implementing this part by seeking to use new resources and nontraditional means, by coordinating with state, local, and federal agencies and by training and coordinating with local health and building departments.

(c) All of the requirements of this part shall be performed by civil service employees of the department who, to the extent feasible, shall be bilingual in Spanish and English.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**Chapter 6. Violations (Refs & Annos)**

**§ 17060. Nuisance; health or safety hazards; jurisdiction; service of summons; lis pendens; recordation**

(a) Any employee housing which does not conform to this part, building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, the other regulations adopted pursuant to this part, or conditions of the permit, is a public nuisance and, if not made to conform within five days or within a longer period of time, not to exceed 30 days, which may be allowed by the enforcement agency after written notice, shall be abated by proper action brought in the superior court of the county in which the employee housing or greater portion thereof is situated. Where inspection verifies that the owner or operator of employee housing is proceeding with reasonable diligence, or where conditions beyond the control of the owner or operator prevent conformance, the enforcement agency may grant time extensions not to exceed 30 days in duration. No more than two of these extensions shall be allowed by the enforcement agency prior to initiation of action to abate the public nuisance.

(b) Any violation of this part, building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to employee housing, the other regulations adopted pursuant to this part, or the provisions of the permit which constitute an immediate or material hazard to the health or safety of the occupants of employee housing, shall be remedied within five days after written notice by the enforcement agency, or shorter time in case of emergency.

In the event of failure to comply with this section, the Attorney General, or the attorney for the enforcement agency, shall, by verified complaint setting forth the facts, apply to the superior court for an order granting the relief for which the action or proceeding is brought until the entry of a final judgment or order.

(c) The superior court may make any order for which application is made pursuant to this section.

(d) In any action or proceeding brought pursuant to this part, service of summons is sufficient if served in the manner provided in the Code of Civil Procedure.

(e)(1) Any enforcement agency which institutes an action or proceeding pursuant to this section shall, at the time of filing the action or proceeding, record in the office of the recorder of the county or counties in which the property affected by the action or proceeding is situated, a notice of the pendency of the action or proceeding.

(2) The enforcement agency may charge the property owner for any costs involved in recording the notice and shall reimburse the owner for any amount charged if the action or proceeding is dismissed or if judgment is rendered for the property owner.

(f) The notice recorded pursuant to subdivision (e) shall be withdrawn by the enforcement agency by recording in the office of the county recorder, in the county or counties in which the notice was recorded, a notice of withdrawal within five days following satisfaction of a court order or other resolution of the action or proceeding.

(g) In any action or proceeding brought pursuant to this part, it is not necessary for the complainant to provide or file any undertaking or bond for the issuance of any preliminary or permanent injunction. In addition, it is not necessary for a complainant to allege or prove actual damages or the threat thereof, or actual injury or the threat thereof, to the plaintiff, so long as a violation of this part is alleged and proven.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17060.2. Orders or notices of violation; vacating of accommodations; relocation ordinances; attorney's fees and costs; deferral of orders of abatement**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the operator of employee housing shall provide a resident of every unit in the employee housing with a written copy in English and Spanish of every order or notice of violation issued by an enforcement agency accompanied by an explanation of the owner's or operator's anticipated response to the order or notice. Each notice shall also advise the occupants of the right to a hardship deferral and the procedure for obtaining this, as set forth in subdivision (c). These copies may be provided by first-class mail or by posting a copy of the notice in a prominent place on each residential unit.

(b)(1)(A) The enforcement agency shall not require the vacating of all or any part of an accommodation unless it concurrently orders the operator to provide for the relocation of the tenants consistent with the requirements of [Section 17062](#) prior to the date the vacating is required and requires expeditious demolition or repair to comply with this part, the building standards related to employee housing, or other rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this part. Any local government may, prior to January 1, 1994, enact a local relocation ordinance that imposes requirements more stringent than those contained in this section. The tenant or tenant association may enforce the relocation remedies of this section, and the enforcement agency, to the extent feasible, shall cooperate

in these efforts. The enforcement agency may require vacation and demolition or itself vacate the building, repair or demolish the building, or institute any other appropriate action or proceeding, if either of the following occurs:

(i) The repair work is not done as scheduled or cannot be completed within a reasonable period of time.

(ii) There is a significant threat to the residents' or public health and safety.

(B) In any civil action brought by a private person or entity to obtain relocation assistance pursuant to subparagraph (A), following an enforcement agency's order to vacate all or any part of an accommodation, and the failure to comply with the agency's order to provide for the relocation of the tenants, the private person or entity, if he, she, or it is the prevailing party, may be granted reasonable attorney's fees and costs, in addition to any other remedy granted.

(2) Prior to vacating and demolishing the accommodation, the public agency shall exert every reasonable effort to obtain or cause repairs. In addition, to the extent feasible, if the public entity causes vacation of the accommodation, it shall cooperate in efforts to obtain compensation from the owner or operator to compensate the displaced residents for their relocation expenses, including rent differentials.

(c) The enforcement agency or a court of competent jurisdiction may, in cases of extreme hardship to tenants of employee housing, provide for deferral of the effective date of orders of abatement. Any deferral of the effective date of any order of abatement shall include conditions, including, but not limited to, payment of rent to an appropriate receiver, which will ensure progress towards correcting defects, or assist in relocation of tenants prior to closure of the employee housing.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17060.5. Transfer to third party; continuance of action or proceeding; subjection of new owner to order for correction**

(a) The sale or other transfer of property to a third party shall not render moot an action or proceeding brought pursuant to this chapter and instituted by an enforcement agency against the owner of record on the date a citation for a violation of this part was issued.

(b) Any person who obtains an ownership interest in any property after a notice of an action or proceeding has been recorded with respect to the property pursuant to [Section 17060](#), and where there has been no withdrawal of the notice, shall be subject to any order to correct a violation, including any time limitations, specified in a citation issued pursuant to [Section 17060](#).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17061. Misdemeanor; punishment; civil penalty**

(a) Any person who violates, or causes another person to violate, any provision of this part is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or imprisonment for not more than 180 days, or both, for each violation of this part, provided that the violation does not cause personal injury to

any person.

(b) Any person who willfully violates, or causes another person to violate, any provision of this part, provided that the violation causes personal injury to any person, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or four years, or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by a fine of not less than four thousand dollars (\$4,000), but not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both fine and imprisonment for each violation, or each day of a continuing violation, causing personal injury. This subdivision shall not be construed to preclude, or in any way limit, the applicability of any other law in any criminal prosecution.

(c) Any person who violates any provision of this part shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300), nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), for each violation or for each day of a continuing violation. The amount of the civil penalty may be doubled, to a limit of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), for each violation or for each day of a continuing violation if the court determines that the violation was willful, or if the court finds that the person received notice from an enforcement agency within the prior three years regarding any employee housing owned or operated by that person, and the violations are so extensive and of such a nature that the immediate health and safety of the residents or the public is endangered or has been endangered. The enforcement agency, or any person or entity affected by the violation, may institute or maintain an action in the appropriate court to collect any civil penalty arising under this subdivision and may be awarded reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred in proving the existence of each violation and the liability for the civil penalties.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17061.5. Multiple convictions; penalties**

(a) Any person who is convicted pursuant to [Section 17061](#) for a second or subsequent time within a five-year period or is convicted pursuant to subdivision (d) for a first or subsequent time within a five-year period after issuance of an injunction enforcing this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both the fine and imprisonment for each violation or day of a continuing violation.

(b) Any person found in contempt of a court order or injunction pursuant to [Section 17060](#) within a five-year period from its issuance may be subject to a judgment for reasonable enforcement costs, including investigative costs, court costs, and attorney's fees, and civil penalties not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both the civil penalty and imprisonment, for each violation or day of a continuing violation.

(c) (1) If an injunction enforcing this chapter is issued within a five-year period after a conviction pursuant to subdivision (a), a finding of contempt pursuant to subdivision (b), or a prior injunction enforcing this chapter, the injunction shall provide for a civil penalty not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for each violation or day of a continuing violation and all costs of enforcement, including, but not limited to, investigative costs, inspection costs, enforcement costs, attorney's fees or costs, and all other costs of prosecution.

(2) The court may also order the owner not to claim any deduction with respect to state taxes for interest, taxes, expenses, depreciation, or amortization paid or incurred, with respect to the cited structure or structures, and re-

lated real property, in the taxable year of the initial order or notice. Within 90 days after issuing the order, the court shall mail to the Franchise Tax Board a written notice of its order prohibiting the owner from claiming deductions with respect to the cited structure or structures, and related real property, in lieu of the processing of a violation by the enforcement agency in accordance with [Sections 17274 and 24436.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code](#).

(3) The Franchise Tax Board shall examine the tax return of the owner of the cited structure or structures, and related real property, for the taxable year of the initial order or notice issued pursuant to paragraph (2). Notwithstanding [Sections 19282 and 26451 of the Revenue and Taxation Code](#), the Franchise Tax Board shall notify the issuing court regarding the owner's compliance with the court order prohibiting the claiming of deductions with respect to the cited structure or structures, and related real property.

(d) Any person found in contempt of a court order or injunction pursuant to [Section 17060](#), or who is convicted pursuant to [Section 17061](#), for a second or subsequent time within a five-year period after a prior finding of contempt, a prior conviction, or the prior issuance of an injunction relating to the enforcement of this chapter, where there are violations that are determined by the trier of fact to be so extensive and of such a nature that the immediate health and safety of residents or the public is endangered and where the extent and nature of the violations are due to the defendant's habitual neglect of customary maintenance and display a flagrant lack of concern for the health and safety of residents or the public, may be subject to a judgment for reasonable enforcement costs, including investigative costs, court costs, and attorney's fees, and punishable by a fine not exceeding six thousand dollars (\$6,000) and by imprisonment for not less than six months, but not exceeding one year, for each violation or day of a continuing violation, if the trier of fact finds at least three serious violations of the following categories of violations are involved:

(1) Termination, extended interruption, or serious defects of gas, water, or electric utility systems, if the interruption or termination is not caused by the tenant's failure to pay gas, water, or electric bills.

(2) Serious defects or lack of adequate space and water heating.

(3) Serious rodent, vermin, or insect infestation.

(4) Severe deterioration, rendering significant portions of the structure unsafe or unsanitary.

(5) Inadequate numbers of garbage receptacles or service.

(6) Unsanitary conditions affecting a significant portion of the structure as a result of faulty plumbing or sewage disposal.

(e) The remedies provided in subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, for second or subsequent violations shall apply without regard to whether the violations involved the same or different properties, or the same or different locations within a property, owned or operated by the person committing the violation.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17061.7. House confinement; costs**

(a) Any person found in contempt of a court order or injunction pursuant to [Section 17060](#), or who is convicted pursuant to [Section 17061](#), for a second or subsequent time within a five-year period after a prior finding of contempt, after a prior conviction, or after the prior issuance of an injunction relating to the enforcement of this chapter, may, in lieu of any penalties ordered pursuant to [Section 17061.5](#) or any other provision of law, be ordered by the court, on its own motion or pursuant to a trial by jury on that issue if that is requested by the defendant, to be placed in house confinement in the employee housing or any accommodation within the employee housing that is the subject of the court action. The house confinement ordered pursuant to this section shall be for a period not to exceed one year.

(b) A defendant ordered to house confinement pursuant to this section may also be ordered by the court to pay the cost of having a police officer or guard stand guard outside the area in which the defendant has been confined under house confinement if it has been determined by the court that the defendant is able to pay these costs. No defendant shall be ordered, pursuant to this subdivision, to pay an amount exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for any period of house confinement.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

#### **§ 17061.9. Citation; assessment of civil penalties; aggravating circumstances; enforcement procedures**

(a) In addition to other remedies provided in this part, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development or his or her designee or an employee authorized by a local enforcement agency which has assumed jurisdiction pursuant to [Section 17050](#), may issue a citation which assesses a civil penalty to any owner or operator, or both, of employee housing violating this part, or regulations promulgated hereunder, if the owner or operator, or both, has permitted the continuation of a violation for at least 30 days after issuance of an order to correct the violation or violations from the enforcement agency. Each citation and related civil penalty assessment shall be issued no later than seven months after issuance of the order to correct which is the basis of the citation. The civil penalties provided for in this section are not in addition to the penalties established in [subdivision \(b\) of Section 17037](#).

(b) The amount of any civil penalty assessed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) for each violation. The civil penalties assessed pursuant to this section shall be payable to the enforcement agency, notwithstanding any other provision of law. Whether or not the violation or violations, if applicable, giving cause for the citation are corrected, payment of the civil penalty shall be remitted to the enforcement agency within 45 days of the issuance of the citation.

(c) The amount of the civil penalty shall be increased to an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for a violation if all the following circumstances exist:

(1) The citation is for a second or subsequent violation of this part, or the regulations promulgated hereunder, for which an order to correct was issued within one year prior to issuance of the new citation; and

(2) The original violation has continued to exist for at least six months from the date the order to correct the violation was issued or has recurred within six months from the date the order to correct the violation was issued.

(d) Any person or entity served a citation pursuant to this section may petition the director or his or her designee

or the officially authorized representative of the local enforcement agency, where applicable. The petition shall be a written request briefly stating the grounds of the request. Any petition to be considered, shall be received by the department or the local enforcement agency within 30 days of the date of issuance of the citation.

(e) Upon receipt of a timely and complying petition, the enforcement agency shall suspend enforcement of the citation and set a time and place for the informal hearing and shall give the recipient of the citation written notice thereof. The hearing shall commence no later than 30 days following receipt of the petition or at another time scheduled by the enforcement agency pursuant to a request by the petitioner or the enforcement agency if the enforcement agency determines that good and sufficient cause exists. If the petitioner fails to appear at the time and place scheduled for the hearing, the enforcement agency may notify the petitioner in writing that the petition is dismissed and that compliance with the terms of the citation shall occur within 10 days after receipt of the notification.

(f) The enforcement agency shall notify the petitioner in writing of its decision and the reasons therefor within 30 days following conclusion of the informal hearing held pursuant to this section. If the decision upholds the citation, in whole or in part, the petitioner shall comply with the citation in accordance with the decision within 30 days after the decision is mailed by the enforcement agency.

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17062. Reimbursement for investigative and legal costs; fines and penalties; appointment of receiver; conditions endangering residents; relocation compensation**

(a) Any state or local agency which participated in the investigation and enforcement pursuant to this part shall be reimbursed for its investigative and legal costs prior to and subsequent to the judgment.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon motion by the enforcement agency, the operator, or the tenants, the court may issue an order which would result in correction of defects, rather than closure of the employee housing. The order may provide, notwithstanding subdivision (a), that fines and penalties be paid for improvements, or that a lien be levied against the property to pay the costs of an independent receiver to complete repairs, or any other just and reasonable procedures.

(c)(1)(A) If employee housing is maintained in a manner that violates any provision of this part, including any rule, standard, or regulation promulgated pursuant to this part, and the violation is so extensive and of such a nature that the health and safety of residents or the public is substantially endangered, and if the owner or operator does not, within a reasonable time after issuance of the notice or order by the enforcement agency, correct the condition that is the cause of the violation, the enforcement agency, tenant, or tenant association or organization may, in addition to any other remedies provided by law, seek the appointment of a receiver pursuant to this subdivision.

(B) In its petition to the court, the enforcement agency, tenant, or tenant association or organization shall include proof that notice of the petition was served not less than five days prior to filing the petition, pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with [Section 415.10](#)) of Chapter 4 of Title 5 of Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure, to all persons with a recorded interest in the real property upon which the substandard employee housing exists.

(C) In appointing a receiver, the court shall consider whether the owner has been afforded a reasonable opportunity to correct the conditions cited in the notice of violation. The court shall not appoint any person as a receiver unless the person has demonstrated to the court his or her capacity, willingness, and expertise to develop and supervise a viable financial and construction plan for the satisfactory rehabilitation of the employee housing. If a receiver is appointed, the owner and his or her agent of the substandard employee housing shall be enjoined from collecting rents from the tenants, interfering with the receiver in the operation of the substandard employee housing, and encumbering or transferring the substandard employee housing or real property upon which the employee housing is situated.

(2) Any receiver appointed pursuant to this section shall have all of the following powers and duties in the order of priority listed in this paragraph, unless the court otherwise permits:

(A) To take full and complete control of the substandard employee housing.

(B) To manage the substandard employee housing and pay expenses of the operation of the substandard employee housing and real property upon which the employee housing is located, including taxes, insurance, utilities, general maintenance, and debt secured by an interest in the real property. However, the receiver shall not operate the employee housing for a longer period each year than the period it previously was operated as employee housing each year by the operator or owner.

(C) To secure a cost estimate and construction plan from a licensed contractor for the repairs necessary to correct the conditions cited in the notice of violation.

(D) To enter into contracts and employ a licensed contractor as necessary to correct the conditions cited in the notice of violation.

(E) To collect all rents and income from the substandard employee housing.

(F) To use all rents and income from the substandard employee housing to pay for the cost of rehabilitation and repairs determined by the court as necessary to correct the conditions cited in the notice of violation.

(G) To borrow funds to pay for repairs necessary to correct the conditions cited in the notice of violation and to borrow funds to pay for any relocation benefits authorized by paragraph (4) and secure that debt, with court approval, with a lien on the real property upon which the substandard employee housing is located. The lien shall be recorded in the county recorder's office in the county within which the employee housing is located.

(H) To exercise the powers granted receivers under [Section 568 of the Code of Civil Procedure](#).

(3) The receiver shall be entitled to the same fees, commissions, and necessary expenses as receivers in actions to foreclose mortgages.

(4) If the conditions of the employee housing or the repair or rehabilitation thereof significantly affect the safe and sanitary use of the substandard employee housing by any tenant, to the extent that the tenant cannot safely reside in his or her unit, then the receiver shall provide relocation benefits in accordance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (d).

(5) The relocation compensation provided for in this section shall not preempt any local ordinance that provides for greater relocation assistance.

(6) In addition to any reporting required by the court, the receiver shall prepare monthly reports to the state or local enforcement agency which shall contain information on at least the following items:

(A) The total amount of rent payment received.

(B) Nature and amount of contracts negotiated relative to the operation or repair of the property.

(C) Payments made toward the repair of the premises.

(D) Progress of necessary repairs.

(E) Other payments made relative to the operation of the employee housing.

(F) Amount of tenant relocation benefits paid.

(7) The receiver shall be discharged when the conditions cited in the notice of violation have been remedied in accordance with the court order or judgment and a complete accounting of all costs and repairs has been delivered to the court. Upon removal of the condition, the owner, the mortgagee, or any lienor of record may apply for the discharge of all moneys not used by the receiver for removal of the condition and all other costs authorized by this section.

(8) The prevailing party in an action pursuant to this section shall at the court's equitable discretion be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and court costs as may be fixed by the court.

(9) The county recorder may charge and collect fees for the recording of all notices and other documents required by this section pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with [Section 27360](#)) of [Chapter 6 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the Government Code](#).

(10) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit those rights available to tenants and owners under any other provision of the law.

(11) Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive an owner of substandard employee housing of all procedural due process rights guaranteed by the California Constitution and the United States Constitution, including, but not limited to, receipt of notice of the violation claimed and an adequate and reasonable period of time to comply with any orders that are issued by the enforcement agency or the court.

(d) If the court finds that the employee housing is in a condition that substantially endangers the health and safety of residents pursuant to [subdivision \(a\) of Section 17980.6](#), upon the entry of any order or judgment, the court shall do all of the following:

(1) Order the owner to pay all reasonable and actual costs of the enforcement agency including, but not limited to, inspection costs, investigation costs, enforcement costs, attorney's fees or costs, and all costs of prosecution.

(2) Order that the local enforcement agency shall provide the tenants with notice of the court order or judgment.

(3) Order that, if the owner undertakes repairs or rehabilitation as a result of being cited for a notice under this chapter, and if the conditions of the premises or the repair or rehabilitation thereof significantly affect the safe and sanitary use of the premises by any lawful tenant, so that the tenant cannot safely reside in the premises, then the owner shall provide or pay relocation benefits to each lawful tenant as specified in [subdivision \(b\) of Section 17060.2](#). These benefits shall consist of actual reasonable moving and storage costs and relocation compensation. The actual moving and storage costs shall consist of all the following:

(A) Transportation of the tenant's personal property to the new location. The new location shall be in close proximity to the substandard premises, except where relocation to a new location beyond a close proximity is determined by the court to be justified.

(B) Packing, crating, unpacking, and uncrating the tenant's personal property.

(C) Insurance of the tenant's property while in transit.

(D) The reasonable replacement value of property lost, stolen, or damaged (not through the fault or negligence of the displaced person, his or her agent, or his or her employee) in the process of moving, where insurance covering the loss, theft, or damage is not reasonably available.

(E) The cost of disconnecting, dismantling, removing, reassembling, reconnecting, and reinstalling machinery, equipment, or other personal property of the tenant, including connection charges imposed by utility companies for starting utility service.

(e)(1) The relocation compensation shall be an amount equal to the differential between the contract rent and the fair market rental value determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a unit of comparable size within the area for the period that the unit is being repaired, not to exceed 120 days or the duration that the camp is open, or the term of employment, whichever is less.

(2)(A) If the court finds that a tenant has been substantially responsible for causing or substantially contributing to the substandard conditions, then the relocation benefits of this section shall not be paid to this tenant. Each other tenant on the premises who has been ordered to relocate due to the substandard conditions and who is not substantially responsible for causing or contributing to the conditions shall be paid these benefits and moving costs at the time that he or she actually relocates.

(B) The court shall determine the date when the tenant is to relocate, and order the tenant to notify the enforcement agency and the owner of the address of the premises to which he or she has relocated, within five days after the relocation.

(C)(i) The court shall order that the owner shall offer the first right to occupancy of the premises to each tenant who received benefits pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d), before letting the unit for rent to a third party. The owner's offer on the first right to occupancy to the tenant shall be in writing, and sent by first-class certified mail to the address given by the tenant at the time of relocation. If the owner has not been provided the tenant's address by the tenant as prescribed by this section, the owner shall not be required to provide notice under this section or offer the tenant the right to return to occupancy.

(ii) The tenant shall notify the owner in writing that he or she will occupy the unit. The notice shall be sent by first-class certified mail no later than 10 days after the notice has been mailed by the owner.

(D) The court shall order that failure to comply with any abatement order under this chapter shall be punishable by civil contempt penalties under Chapter 6 (commencing with [Section 17995](#)) of Part 1.5, and any other penalties and fines as are available.

(f) The initiation of a proceeding or entry of a judgment pursuant to this section or [Section 17980.6](#) shall be deemed to be a "proceeding" or "judgment" as provided by [paragraph \(4\) or \(5\) of subdivision \(a\) of Section 1942.5 of the Civil Code](#).

(g) The term "owner," for the purposes of this section, shall include the owner, including any public entity that owns residential real property, at the time of the initial notice or order and any successor in interest who had actual or constructive knowledge of the notice, order, or prosecution.

(h) The remedies authorized by this section shall be in addition to those provided by any other law.

(i) Nothing in this section or in [Section 17980.6](#) shall impair the rights of an owner exercising his or her rights established pursuant to Chapter 12.75 (commencing with [Section 7060](#)) of [Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code](#).

**Effective: [See Text Amendments]**

**§ 17062.5. Fines, civil penalties, and damages; disbursement**

All fines, civil penalties, and damages awarded pursuant to this part shall be paid as provided in this section. The court order shall direct payment of these moneys for the costs authorized by [subdivision \(a\) of Section 17062](#) or [subdivision \(d\) of Section 17055](#). Thereafter, 50 percent of the balance of the total award shall be paid to the agency, person, or entity to which [subdivision \(a\) of Section 17062](#) or [subdivision \(d\) of Section 17055](#) is applicable. The balance of the award, if at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000) is paid to that agency, person, or entity, shall be deposited in the Farmworker Housing Grant Fund, created pursuant to [Section 50517.5](#), for expenditure by the department without further appropriation in a manner consistent with the other requirements of [Section 50517.5](#), for any of the following purposes:

(a) Rental housing that serves lower and very low income households, as defined in [Sections 50079.5 and 50105](#), respectively, who are agricultural employees.

(b) Rental dormitories for unaccompanied men or women who are agricultural employees.

(c) Rehabilitation or replacement of existing employee housing for seasonal use.

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