

# CITY OF WATSONVILLE

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Residential Renter's Security Deposit Interest Rate: **waived for 2016.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Watsonville City Council **no longer requires tenant interest payments when the adopted rate drops below 0.50%.** The rate adopted by the County of Santa Cruz for 2016 was 0.01%. Since this rate is below 0.50%, interest payments are not required for deposits held within Watsonville during the calendar year 2016.

Watsonville's Municipal Code section 5.40 requires that residential renters be paid interest on any security deposit in excess of \$50 held by the landlords and held for more than thirty (30) days. However, starting with 2011 deposits, no payment is required when the rate drops below 0.50% (section 5-40.04(d)).

The City of Watsonville's rate is aligned with the rate calculated and adopted by the County of Santa Cruz. The table on the right displays the 2016 rate along with the historical rates for the past 13 years.

If you have any questions, you can reach me at (831) 768-3470.

Sincerely,

**Originally signed by:**

Ezequiel Vega  
Administrative Services Director

CC City Staff

| Calendar Year | County of Santa Cruz Interest Rate | Watsonville Interest Rate |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2002          | 1.00%                              | 1.00%                     |
| 2003          | 0.58%                              | 0.58%                     |
| 2004          | 0.32%                              | 0.32%                     |
| 2005          | 0.32%                              | 0.32%                     |
| 2006          | 0.43%                              | 0.43%                     |
| 2007          | 0.34%                              | 0.34%                     |
| 2008          | 0.31%                              | 0.31%                     |
| 2009          | 0.23%                              | 0.23%                     |
| 2010          | 0.10%                              | 0.10%                     |
| 2011          | 0.06%                              | n/a                       |
| 2012          | 0.04%                              | n/a                       |
| <b>2013</b>   | <b>0.02%</b>                       | <b>n/a</b>                |
| <b>2014</b>   | <b>0.01%</b>                       | <b>n/a</b>                |
| <b>2015</b>   | <b>0.01%</b>                       | <b>n/a</b>                |