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Rent increases greater than 3% per year will be banned “temporarily” at mobilehome parks in the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County starting in early October 2018, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has decided.

The County Board voted 3-1 on Sept. 4, to approve a six-month moratorium on rent hikes for mobilehome spaces, a move designed to “protect” residents from higher rent hikes while permanent rent control for such housing is under consideration. The interim measure becomes effective in 30 days.

The new ordinance affects an estimated 8,500 mobilehome tenants, who typically own their home but lease the space on which it sits.

The measure will apply only to mobile home tenants with leases of 12 months or less. Park owners may petition for higher rent increases if they believe a 3% cap prevents them from earning a reasonable return.

Step 2 (permanent rent control), will likely follow in the coming months.

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