

**Attention All Property Owners and Landlords!**  
**The Desert Hot Springs City Council Has Their Hands in YOUR Pockets!**  
**By Daniel C. Faller, AOA President**

The Desert Hot Springs City Council is proposing an ordinance called the Residential Rental Unit Inspection Program. If passed, you will be required to pay \$340 per unit for code enforcement inspections and possibly be fined more for found violations.

A copy of the below letter was sent to the City Council Members of Desert Hot Springs and Mayor Parks on December 16, 2009.

Mayor Yvonne Parks  
Desert Hot Springs City Hall  
65-950 Pierson Blvd.  
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

Dear Mayor Parks:

The Apartment Owners Association of California (AOA) represents the rights of property owners throughout the state. **We hereby ask that you oppose and dismiss the proposed residential rental unit inspection program in the city of Desert Hot Springs.**

This exorbitant fee of \$340 per unit, as well as other parts of this ordinance, punishes the very people who provide housing for your community. Since the proposed inspections are for the “benefit” of the tenant, don’t you think that it would be fair to charge the tenant receiving the “benefit” of your proposed inspections? Why should the City Council members single out apartment owners and make them financially responsible when it is usually the tenant who damages the rental? **Please consider that it is against the law to live in an uninhabitable unit, therefore the tenant should be served a notice to immediately move out – he is breaking the law by living in the apartment! If you’re going to cite someone, in all fairness, the tenant AND the owner should be cited – that’s the ONLY way you’re going to solve the problem of uninhabitable units.**

Mayor Parks, what would you do if a city inspector came to your home and demanded to enter and inspect your personal residence? Would you say that he needed a search warrant with a good reason and claim your right as a U.S. citizen against “search and/or seizure”? I certainly would!

Tenants are not animals – they don’t need some government official inspecting the “cage” in which they live! Do these “elite” politicians really think they are superior to all the other voters? Why don’t they also submit to paying this ridiculous fee and being cited for violations in **their** homes?

Please consider that there are already ample provisions in the law to accomplish your goals. This proposed ordinance seems to be completely unnecessary! Thank you for considering that it could be totally inhuman to interfere with the private lives of your constituents in this un-American way.

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Faller  
AOA Founder and President

P.S. This proposed ordinance puts a tool in the hands of tenants to bankrupt owners with false reports. All he has to do is tear up the unit and then call the inspector. Believe it – it is being done!

**Please call, write or email your opposition to this abusive ordinance that could cost you thousands!** Contact information for the Council Members is below; feel free to make a copy of this letter and mail it to them.

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