

Scotts Valley mobile home rent control OK'd

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RENT CONTROL

SCOTTS VALLEY — The City Council Wednesday needed only about 10 minutes to give final approval to a new rent control ordinance for the city's mobile home parks.

The ordinance was re-introduced and unanimously approved in quick order.

It sets a new formula for rent increase allowances based on the consumer price

index for northern California's coastal area.

Previously, the ordinance allowed increases by using a "fair market value" formula.

The new formula allows owners of the parks that provide space for around 750 homes to increase rents at 75 percent of the index.

If the owner finds the increase unfair, he can appeal for a special increase that allows a profit return equal to 60 percent of the increase in the index.

The ordinance was requested by residents of Vista Del Lago Mobile Estates, who have been struggling with the park owner over rent increases.