

BAY AREA CITY TRANSFER TAX INCREASE

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The measure to increase the city's transfer tax on real property was approved on November 6, 2018 for the cities of **Berkeley**, **Hayward** and **Oakland** in Alameda County as well as **El Cerrito** and **Richmond** in Contra Costa County. Although the counties have not confirmed in writing the effective date of the increase, it is expected to go into effect as early as December 21, 2018.

According to the measure, the revenues from the increased tax would be used to fund general municipal services and could be used for homeless shelters, navigation centers, mental health support, rehousing, rental subsidies, and other services for people experiencing homelessness including but not limited to homeless seniors, transition-age youth, the long-term homeless, and disabled homeless; and staffing costs associated with implementing these programs.

Here are details of the changes:

CITY	CITY TRANSFER TAX CURRENT	CITY TRANSFER TAX NEW
Berkeley - Effective date 12/21/2018	\$15.00 per thousand	\$15.00 per thousand for Sales Price up to \$1.5 million 2.5% of Sales Price over \$1.5 million
El Cerrito - Effective date 1/14/2019	\$0	\$12.00 per thousand
Hayward - Effective 1/1/2019	\$4.50 per thousand	\$8.50 per thousand
Oakland - Effective 1/1/2019	\$15.00 per thousand	1% of Sales Price up to \$300,000 1.5% of Sales Price \$300,001 to \$2 million 1.75% of Sales Price over \$2 million and up to \$5 million 2.5% of Sales Price over \$5 million
Richmond - Effective 12/28/2018 <i>However, the county recorder has advised they will not be ready to assist in the new tiered rates collection by the effective date. They will continue to collect the current city rate of \$7.00/\$1,000 until they complete the process for the implementation of the change.</i>	\$7.00 per thousand (0.7%)	\$100 to \$999,999 = 0.7% of purchase price \$ 1,000,000 to \$2,999,999 = 1.25% of purchase price \$ 3,000,000 to \$9,999,999 = 2.5% of purchase price \$10,000,000 and above = 3% of purchase price

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