

Florida Supreme Court Declines to Hear Orange County Rent Control Fight

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Yesterday, the Florida Supreme Court declined to hear the case regarding Orange County's proposed rent control ordinance. Therefore, the charter amendment, which was approved by voters last November, will not go into effect.

Last October's ruling by the Fifth District Court of Appeals, which rejected the charter amendment's placement on the November ballot and blocked the rent-control measure, will stand.

The proposed ordinance would have prevented residential landlords from increasing unit rent in excess of the Consumer Price Index for a period of 12 months. It would have also required landlords to submit registration statements to the County's Planning Department to ensure compliance.

On March 29, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law Senate Bill 102 (Live Local Act), a far-reaching affordable housing initiative that also forbids rent control under all circumstances.

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