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## Landlords Challenge Rent Guidelines Decision



The Rent Stabilization Association wants New York City's Rent Guidelines Board to overturn the recent rent freeze on one-year leases for tenants in rent-stabilized apartments.

The landlord group filed a suit in Manhattan Supreme Court Thursday charging that the freeze was based on tenant affordability, which it says violates the rent stabilization law. It states the freeze was approved to accommodate Mayor Bill de Blasio's political agenda.

The mayor's office responded that the board "independently decided on a rent freeze based on the hard numbers" and said de Blasio "won't back down in the face of these political attacks."

On June 27, the guidelines board voted in favor of a second consecutive rent freeze for one-year leases with seven votes in favor and two abstentions coming from the representatives of property owners.

The city has more than 1 million rent-stabilized apartments. The association represents 25,000 landlords.

Jeffrey Turkel, a partner at Rosenberg & Estis is representing the landlords.

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