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CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS

On March 26, 2020, the City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, establishing a temporary moratorium on the eviction of residential and commercial tenants who are unable to pay rent due to the impacts of COVID-19.

To take advantage of the protections provided in Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, residential and commercial tenants are required to do the following within 30 days after the rent is due:

1. Notify the landlord in writing of the substantial COVID-19 related financial impacts
2. Provide documentation in writing establishing substantial COVID-19 related financial impacts
3. Pay the portion of rent that the tenant is able to pay

Please keep in mind that a landlord may not evict a tenant if the tenant has done any of the following:

1. Rent is overdue for a period of 30 days or less and the tenant notified the landlord as required by this ordinance
2. Rent is overdue for a period of 31 days or more and the tenant complies with both requirements of this ordinance

If the tenant fails to provide the information in writing within the 30-day period, the landlord has the right to proceed with the eviction process. Please be advised that this ordinance does not intend to waive a tenant's obligation to pay back rent owed once this ordinance is no longer effective. If a tenant still has the means to pay rent, then they are expected to do so. A tenant will have up to 120 days after the expiration of this ordinance to pay the unpaid rent that is due. If you have any questions regarding Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, please call (310) 217-9503.

Sincerely,

Clint Osorio
City Manager