

Requirements for Landlords Under the CDC Moratorium

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suspended all evictions from September 4, 2020 until March 31, 2021. This freeze applies to tenants (renters) subject to eviction for nonpayment of rent and affects those who rent a house, apartment unit, mobile home, or land in a mobile home park. This mandate does not relieve any individual of the obligation to make a timely payment of rent or similar housing-related payment (including late payment of fees, penalties, or interest) or comply with any other obligation that the tenant may have under a tenancy, lease or similar contract. Landlords who desire to pursue an eviction for reasons other than failure to pay rent may do so.

Nothing in this Moratorium precludes evictions based on a tenant, lessee, or resident:

- (1) Engaging in criminal activity while on the premises;
- (2) Threatening the health or safety of other residents;
- (3) Damaging or posing an immediate and significant risk of damage to property;
- (4) Violating any building code, health ordinance, or similar regulation relating to health and safety; or
- (5) Violating any other contractual obligation.

Landlords choosing to pursue evictions during this time must file an affidavit into the Court which states that:

- (1) The subject property is not covered by the CARES Act¹ (Magistrate Court Rule 46);
- (2) The Tenant has not provided a CDC Declaration Form to you, seeking to halt the eviction;
- (3) The eviction is being filed for reasons other than non-payment of rent.

¹ The CARES Act Affidavit requirement applies to all actions filed between March 27, 2020 and July 25, 2020.