City of Los Angeles, California: Moratorium on Residential Evictions

Description of Program and Relief

Los Angeles has placed a moratorium on residential evictions in the city of Los Angeles during the pendency of the COVID-19-related state of emergency for residential tenants who show an inability to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tenants will still be obligated to eventually pay for lawfully charged rent. Tenants will have up to six months following the expiration of the local emergency period to repay any back due rent.

Government or Lead Agency

Los Angeles, Office of the Mayor

Dates Available

March 15, 2020 to TBD (end of “local emergency period”)

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

All residents of the city of Los Angeles are eligible; however the moratorium requires that the tenant is able to show an inability to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These circumstances include loss of income due to a COVID-19 related workplace closure, child care expenditures due to school closures, healthcare expenses related to being ill with COVID-19 or caring for a member of the tenant’s household who is ill with COVID-19, or reasonable expenditures that stem from government-ordered emergency measures.

The Mayor’s Office is also looking into whether commercial evictions can be prevented.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

Unknown.

Contact for More Information

Contact the Los Angeles Mayor’s Office at (213) 978-1028 or mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org.
List of Additional Information

Link to Mayor Garcetti’s Order:

Mayor’s Office Newsletter Discussing Order: