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As State evictions moratorium lifts, State reminds Nevadans of ongoing federal rental protections, resources during pandemic

CDC Order continues to prohibit evictions in Nevada through the end of December 2020, under certain conditions

CARSON CITY, NV – Today, the State is reminding Nevadans that federal rental protections from eviction remain in place after the expiration of Nevada's statewide moratorium on October 15 and that state and local financial and mediation resources are available for homeowners, landlords and tenants impacted by COVID-19.

While Nevada's statewide moratorium prohibiting evictions expires on October 15, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Order that was subsequently issued after Nevada's moratorium prohibits evictions under certain conditions.

- CDC Order prohibits evictions in Nevada through the end of December 2020, under certain conditions. The CDC Order does not protect tenants from eviction who engage in criminal activity, threaten other residents, damage the property, or violate their lease in some way unrelated to rent or payment; and
- Tenants can invoke the protections under the CDC Order <u>only</u> if they give their landlord a signed declaration and truthfully state that they are unable to pay their rent, have tried to obtain rental assistance, have made their best efforts to pay partial rent, have either received a stimulus payment or will make less than \$99,000 this year, and eviction might leave the tenant homeless or forced into a group living situation.

Additional information is available through the following:

- <u>CDC</u> Access to the CDC Order, the downloadable declaration form, and answers to frequently asked questions at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-eviction-declaration.html
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

In addition to the ongoing protections offered by the CDC, the State also reminds homeowners, landlords and tenants impacted by COVID-19 that resources are available through state and local government, including assistance with rent and mortgage payments, through a number of programs, including:

Rent and Mortgage Payment Assistance – To access statewide and local resources and programs offering potential assistance to help with rent, mortgage, or receipt of rental payments, go the portal available through the Nevada Housing Division at https://housing.nv.gov/.

Rental Mediation Program – Senate Bill 1 from the 32nd Special Session of the Nevada Legislature authorizes courts to grant a stay of eviction proceedings if the courts establish a mediation program. Under this authority, the Nevada Supreme Court adopted a new eviction mediation program to steer certain types of eviction cases into mediation in the hopes that landlords and tenants could resolve their disputes themselves, instead of arguing in court, thereby reducing the number of people in the courthouse during the COVID-19 pandemic. For additional information and answers to frequently asked questions, visit http://www.homemnv.org/renter-connect/

<u>Home Means Nevada, Inc. (HMN)</u> offers a portal to access assistance for Nevada homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including foreclosure mediation programs at http://www.homemnv.org/

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