

ARE YOU A FRESNO CITY RESIDENT FACING EVICTION BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PAY RENT DUE TO COVID-19?

The CITY OF FRESNO passed an emergency order to help prevent evictions and foreclosures during the state of emergency caused by COVID-19.

*This order does not prevent the landlord from filing an eviction against you. It only provides an eviction defense if taken to court. **The best way to protect yourself is by paying rent if you're capable.***

AVOIDING EVICTION REQUIRES YOU TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1. NOTIFY YOUR LANDLORD IN WRITING OF YOUR INABILITY TO PAY RENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING IF IT'S DUE TO THE A COVID-19 RELATED IMPACT SUCH AS:

- Job loss
- Reduction of hours
- Missing work because you're caring for children who are home from school

2. WITHIN 10 DAYS OF NOTIFYING YOUR LANDLORD, YOU MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF LOSS OF INCOME. EXAMPLES CAN INCLUDE:

- Letter written by your employer or yourself explaining your loss of hours or termination
- Paycheck stubs from before and after COVID-19 showing loss of income
- Documentation showing you applied or approved for unemployment

3. YOU WILL STILL HAVE TO PAY ANY MISSED RENT, BUT YOU WILL HAVE UP TO 6 MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO REPAY IT.

- You may not be charged interest, late fees, or other penalties for the months you were unable to pay during the emergency declaration.

4. IN ADDITION TO FRESNO'S PROTECTION, CALIFORNIA COURTS HAVE A NEW RULE THAT YOUR LANDLORD CANNOT EVICT YOU IN MOST SITUATIONS UNTIL 90 DAYS AFTER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ENDS.