Community Development & Housing Department
Information and Updates due to COVID-19

INFORMATION FOR LANDLORDS & OWNERS OF RENTAL UNITS

Vulnerable workers, such as restaurant and retail staffers, are expected to be among the hardest hit in a wave of layoffs that’s already begun across the country due to COVID-19. Those people also happen to be renters, by and large and secure housing provided by landlords and owners are more important than ever. Tarrant County Community Development & Housing Department (CDHD) understands that COVID-19 is causing financial concerns and would like to provide landlords and owners information.

- Eviction proceedings may resume on May 19th. Writs of execution may resume on May 26th. For eviction proceedings filed from March 27, 2020, through July 25, 2020, a sworn petition containing “a description of the facts and grounds for eviction” must state that the premises are not subject to the moratorium on evictions imposed by the CARES Act.

- The federal government, under CARES Act Section 4024 (c) has halted evictions until August 23 for properties that are covered by federally backed mortgages. See List for Tarrant County to see if your apartment is listed, although the list may be incomplete.

If you have renters that are behind on rent, Tarrant County may be able to assist low income families. Please direct your renters to the Renters Information page. Please direct your tenants that live OUTSIDE of the Cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie that need assistance to the “Tarrant County Prevention Screening Form”. A case manager will work directly with the renter about short term rental assistance. Feel free to contact us at (817) 850-7940.

CDHD is asking you to remain patient during this time. Our offices in coordination with other City programs are using Federal resources to assist your renters pay rent and utility bills on time. For landlords that have renters that are currently participating in a government funded rental assistance program, rents will be paid as usual. We suggest landlords and owners of rental units to include payment plans for residents unable to pay their rent, waiving late fees and developing a response plan for potential exposure to the coronavirus. Guidance can be found at https://www.nmhc.org/research-insight/analysis-and-guidance/emergency-preparedness/multifamily-preparedness-begins-with-an-incident-response-plan/