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City of Rancho Cucamonga Issues a Moratorium on Evictions, Declares Local Emergency in Response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Rancho Cucamonga, CA – On March 18, the City of Rancho Cucamonga City Council issued a temporary moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent by residential or commercial tenants impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. At the same meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution encouraging grocery stores and markets to provide exclusive and/or extended hours for vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 emergency. The City Council also officially declared a local emergency in response to COVID-19.

The eviction moratorium applies only to evictions based on the non-payment of rent due to a financial hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic. A tenant must notify the landlord within 30 days after the rent is due and provide supporting documentation. As an urgency ordinance, the moratorium went immediately into effect and will last through May 31st for residential tenants and April 30th for commercial tenants unless the City's emergency declaration ends sooner. The City Council will review the commercial tenant moratorium again at the April 15th council meeting.



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“Home renters in Rancho Cucamonga shouldn't have to worry about losing the roof over their head while there is so much uncertainty in the world today. Families have more important things to worry about and businesses in our city deserve peace of mind as well.” said Mayor L. Dennis Michael. “This moratorium will hopefully ease worries as we navigate through this crisis together and make it through stronger.”

In response to COVID-19 concerns there has been an unprecedented demand in supermarkets and grocery stores, creating food and supply shortages throughout the community. As a result, many stores are proactively dedicating special operating hours to populations most vulnerable to COVID-19, including but not limited to elderly, those with underlying health conditions, disabled, and pregnant shoppers. The dedicated hours encouraged in the City Council's resolution limit these vulnerable population's potential exposure to the virus and ensure equitable access and availability of vital food and supplies to all.

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Rancho Cucamonga. The City is taking precautions to prevent the spread of the virus in our community while ensuring the City continues to provide essential services. City services have mostly moved to an online or by phone format, and many facilities are closed to the public except for those that provide vital services.

City Hall services will be limited to appointments and business emergencies. Residents can call ahead at (909) 477-2700 to determine how the City can provide service without requiring a visit. If a need requires a visit, an appointment will be scheduled to ensure limited people within the lobby and meeting space that allows for necessary social distancing. The Animal Center will also be providing services by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling (909) 466-7387.

Lions Center East & Lions Center West, RC Family Resource Center, RC Sports Center, and the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center have been closed. Central Park (Goldy S. Lewis Community & James L. Brulte Senior Center) is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday



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from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for access to Wi-Fi and to the technology center, along with phone and referral services.

The Libraries will be offering access to extensive collections of books and things through curbside pick-up at both locations and home delivery, Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Limited public access to the technology center and passport services will be available at the Biane Library in Victoria Gardens.

The City's complete contact directory can be found at www.CityofRC.us/Contact-Directory. Updates on how the COVID-19 is impacting Rancho Cucamonga will continue to be posted at www.CityofRC.us/coronavirus.

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