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Perris City Council Enacts Temporary Moratorium on Evictions

PERRIS, Calif. (May 13, 2020) — The Perris City Council voted on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 to enact a temporary moratorium of four months on evictions for nonpayment due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

An initial motion was made to extend the time frame to six months, but with a 3-2 vote (Rogers, Rabb) did not pass. However, unanimous approval was met for the four-month timeline past the emergency proclamation.

The ordinance adopted protects renters and commercial tenants from being evicted if they are unable to pay rent due to financial difficulties caused by COVID-19. The ordinance prohibited evictions during a four-month period after expiration of the existing state of local emergency and provides a process by which “lawfully charged” unpaid rent may be paid.

However, residents will be responsible to pay said rent once the Council’s four month extension expires and should consult with their landlord on specifics for payment.

In addition to this extension, the City has also provided other assistance programs for renters and homeowners. The Community Develop Block Grant Covid19 Relief (CDBG-CV)
offers rental, mortgage and utility assistance, for up to three months. This is a designated set amount and qualification for this assistance is dependent on income.

The Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) offers assistance to renters only. Qualification for this program and the amount of assistance is dependent on income. This program offers six to 12 months of financial assistance and requires continued requalification throughout the program.

It is important to note this is not removing the rent due, but rather extending the timeline to pay in full. Residents who wish to qualify for these programs should submit applications for Rental/Mortgage Assistance or Utility Assistance to the Perris Housing Department via secure email at perrishousing@cityofperris.org or through the mail slot at the East Entrance to the Development Services Building (mail slot will be marked).

In person assistance is available by appointment only. Please contact the Housing Department to schedule an appointment to ensure staff availability.

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