



Sunnyvale

COVID-19 Residential Eviction Ordinance

Temporary City law protects people from eviction

If you cannot pay rent because of financial impacts from COVID-19, your landlord cannot evict you. Financial impacts could be from:

- Being sick with COVID-19, or caring for a household or family member who is sick with COVID-19
- Lay-off, loss of hours, or other income reduction resulting from business closure or other economic or employer impacts of COVID-19
- Extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Childcare needs arising from school or childcare closures related to COVID-19

If you are a renter and cannot pay rent, the ordinance says you must:

Provide your landlord with documentation proving the financial impact **within thirty (30) days of your rent being due**. Examples of documentation include:

- Notice from employer citing COVID-19 as a reason for reduced work hours or termination
- Employer paycheck stubs
- Bank or medical billing statements

Renters	Landlords
Must make partial rent payments if you are financially able to do so	May NOT charge late fees during the 180-day payback period
Must pay back all rent owed to the landlord within 180 days after the City declares the emergency is over	Should contact your lender for mortgage relief or other funding sources if you have financial concerns

The ordinance applies to residential units and all tenants who rent:

- Single family homes
- Duplexes
- Condominiums
- Income restricted apartments (affordable housing)
- All market rate apartments
- A room within a larger unit
- Mobile homes (space rent and rented units)

Important: This ordinance only prohibits evictions and does not excuse payments of rent during the COVID-19 emergency. It is effective from March 12, 2020 through the end of the local emergency.

Need help?

Project Sentinel: Contact **408-720-9888** or **info@housing.org** for help talking to your landlord
Questions about the ordinance: Email **housing@sunnyvale.ca.gov**