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**CITY OF BENICIA UPDATE ON COVID-19
FOR MARCH 23, 2020
Order Staying Evictions in the City of Benicia**

Benicia, CA (March 23, 2020) — On Sunday, March 22, 2020, City Manager Lorie Tinfow, in her authority as Director of Emergency Services, signed an order staying evictions for non-payment of rent in the City of Benicia in accordance with California Emergency Services Act and Benicia Municipal Code in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

The order does not relieve tenants of liability for unpaid rent but puts a moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent due to the impact of COVID-19 and includes provisions for eviction notices and no-fault evictions. Under the order, tenants have a responsibility to let their landlord know that they are unable to pay some or all of their rent due to COVID-19. Payment is then due within 60 days of May 31, 2020, or when the order expires whichever is later.

The order staying evictions will remain in effect until May 31, 2020 or until superseded by a resolution of the Benicia City Council.

For up-to-date information about the City of Benicia's response to COVID-19, please go to <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/coronavirus>.

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Attachment: City of Benicia Order Staying Evictions