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CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 UPDATE:

Baldwin Park Instates Temporary Moratorium On Evictions Citywide For Non-Payment Of Rent For Tenants Affected By COVID-19

BALDWIN PARK, CALIF. (Wednesday, March 18, 2020) Under the direction of the Mayor and City Council the Director of Emergency Services ordered a temporary moratorium on evictions citywide for non-payment of rent for tenants affected by corona virus effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Following a local emergency declaration, the City is able to enact policies to protect the health and well-being of its residents. The City took action against the virus by minimizing the displacement of tenants and preventing homelessness.

“We understand that many of our residents have and will experience a reduction of hours at their workplace and this directive will help ease the pain and provide some financial relief.” Stated Mayor Manuel Lozano.

The order is triggered for tenants who: (1) are able to demonstrate that they are unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19 or (2) a no-fault eviction unless necessary for the health and safety of tenants, neighbors or the landlord. Landlords must not serve a 3-day notice to tenants experiencing financial hardship due to corona virus and tenants must notify landlord of the inability to pay rent in writing via previously established e-mail and text communication.

Financial impacts include the tenant losing income as a result of being sick with COVID-19 or caring for a member of the household with corona virus. Furthermore, tenants can also claim lay-offs, loss of hours, mandates from government agencies to self-quarantine, childcare or extraordinary medical expenses.

As a result of this moratorium and the local emergency declaration the City also suspended water shut-offs for non-payment and the imposition of late payment penalties for parking violations. Parking tickets on scheduled street sweeping days were also suspended to encourage residents to stay indoors.

For more information residents can visit the City website (<https://www.baldwinpark.com>) to access on-line service portals. For urgent items please call for an appointment at (626) 960-4011. The Baldwin Park Police Department remains open as usual.

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