



MAYOR GARCETTI ORDERS MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL EVICTIONS RELATED TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

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LOS ANGELES — Mayor Eric Garcetti today ordered a moratorium on commercial evictions of tenants unable to pay rent due to circumstances related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

“Angelenos who own businesses in our city deserve peace of mind,” said Mayor Garcetti. “The moratorium will help ease some of the deepest concerns while we get through this crisis together.”

The move follows a similar ban on evictions of residential tenants during the local emergency period.

According to the Mayor’s order on commercial evictions, which will be in place until March 31 unless extended, “No landlord shall evict a commercial tenant in the City of Los Angeles during this local emergency period if the tenant is able to show an inability to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These circumstances include loss of business income due to a COVID-19 related workplace closure, child care expenditures due to school closures, health care expenses related to being ill with COVID-19 or caring for a member of the tenant’s household who is ill with COVID-19, or reasonable expenditures that stem from government-ordered emergency measures.”

A provision in the order gives eligible tenants up to three months following the expiration of the local emergency period to repay any back due rent.

Mayor Garcetti has taken several emergency measures to help protect Angelenos and slow the spread of COVID-19 — including restrictions (<https://www.lamayor.org/mayor-garcetti-issues-temporary-restrictions-help-slow-spread-novel-coronavirus-protect-public>) placed on bars, nightclubs, restaurants, movie theaters, entertainment venues, bowling alleys and arcades, gyms and fitness centers; and putting limits

(<https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph446/f/article/files/Mayor%20Memo%20-COVID-19%20LA%20City%20Guidelines.pdf>) on public gatherings in City facilities.

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