

Date:

Tenant Name:

Tenant Address:

Re: Sonoma County's COVID-19 Eviction Defense Ordinance

Dear Housing Provider:

Please be advised that Sonoma County's COVID-19 Eviction Defense Ordinance has entered into effect and prohibits housing providers from terminating a tenancy for failure to pay rent when a tenant cannot pay rent as a result of substantial loss of income or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic or any governmental measure in response to it. The Ordinance applies to all jurisdictions in Sonoma County.

A housing provider cannot initiate proceedings against any tenant for failure to pay rent until 60 days after all emergency orders applicable to the COVID-19 pandemic are no longer in effect.

I am a tenant residing at the premises of your property located within Sonoma County. The Ordinance applies to my situation because one of the following applies to my circumstances.

I have experienced (check all that apply):

(1) a substantial loss of income from:

job loss;

layoff;

a reduction in the number of compensable hours of work;

a store restaurant, office or business closure; or,

a substantial decrease in business income caused by a reduction in opening hours or consumer demand;

the need to miss work to care for a home-bound school-age child or a family member ill with coronavirus;

or,

other similarly-caused loss of income resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; or,

(2) substantial out of pocket medical expenses resulting from COVID-19.

I respectfully invoke the protection of this Ordinance. Please find attached evidence of the COVID-19's direct and/or indirect impact on my ability to pay the rent. **(Add supporting documentation: Doctor's bills, Hospital paperwork, layoff notification, etc.)**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tenant Name: _____

Tenant Signature: _____