

TMO Guide for completing Eviction Declaration

To prevent the spread of COVID, you could qualify for Eviction Protection until Dec 31

If you can check these five statements, you will qualify

1. ___ you have done your best to take advantage of government assistance for housing and rent?

If you live in Harris County, apply now to the joint City/County Rent Assistance program at www.bakerripleyrenthelp.org and that will show your “best efforts” whether you receive rent help or not.

Here are some additional ways you can show “best efforts” even if you never received any rent assistance.

- Did you try to apply in June to the Harris County program by phone or computer?
- Did you try to apply in May to the City of Houston rent assistance by computer?
- Did your landlord refuse to sign up for any of these rent assistance programs making it impossible for you to apply?

2. ___ **You meet income requirements, meaning ONE of the following:**

- a. You expect to earn less than \$99,000 in annual income in 2020 (or less than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return);
- b. OR you were not required to pay taxes in 2019;
- c. OR you received a \$1,200 stimulus check earlier this year.

3. ___ **You are unable to pay your full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income – either due to loss of wages and other income sources *or* extraordinary medical costs.**

- a. Are you unreimbursed medical expenses at least 7.5 % of your income this year?

4. ___ **You are currently doing your best to make timely partial housing payments that are as close to the full payment as possible.**

5. ___ **If you are evicted, you would likely be rendered homeless, or forced to live in close quarters in a new shared living setting (living on the couch of a friend or family member, entering transitional housing, staying at a shelter, etc.)**

If you answered all these questions YES, you qualify and should sign the Declaration on the other side of this sheet. Next Steps:

1. Have every adult in your household listed on your lease sign the Declaration.
2. Take a picture of the signed Declaration and take a picture as you deliver it to your landlord/property manager by hand or putting it in the rent collection box.
3. This moratorium only goes into effect once you deliver the signed declaration to your landlord.

Do you Understand?

Do you understand that you still have to follow the lease agreement and any unpaid rent, late fees and interest may have to be full unpaid paid once the temporary eviction moratorium expires on December 31, 2020?

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