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To Whom It May Concern:

We sincerely hope you and your families are remaining safe and healthy during these uncertain times. As the public health crisis continues to evolve, we remain ready to support you with information and resources related to COVID-19. The information below provides guidance on Section 4024 of the CARES Act.

Section 4024 of the CARES Act imposes a temporary moratorium on evictions, as well as a moratorium on fees and penalties related to nonpayment of rent. The eviction moratorium is in effect for a 120-day period beginning on March 27, 2020, the date the CARES Act was enacted. After the moratorium expires, the owner can proceed with their standard process. Residents cannot be required to vacate for at least 30 days after the end of the moratorium, and an owner cannot issue a notice to vacate for non-payment of rent until July 24, 2020 (expiration of the moratorium).

All HOME (Housing Investment Partnership) Programs are covered under Section 4024 of the CARES Act. Therefore, the moratorium on evictions would apply to private owners of properties that receive housing assistance payments under a HOME Program.

The Department of Community and Human Development will keep you informed of any changes during these challenging times. We encourage you to share information with your tenants regarding Section 4024 of the CARES ACT. We recommend visiting the City of El Paso website for up to date information at <a href="http://www.elpasotexas.gov/community-and-human-development/housing-programs/fair-housing">http://www.elpasotexas.gov/community-and-human-development/housing-programs/fair-housing</a>.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact, Research & Management Assistant Clarissa Cervantes, by phone (915)212-1679 or by email: HousingPrograms@elpasotexas.gov.

Thank you.

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