

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND communication from the City Attorney and Ordinance relative to adding Article 14.6 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code affording tenant protections during Coronavirus COVID-19 Emergency Declaration (Item No. 1, Council file No. 20-0147-S19), to include the following recommendation to read as follows:

SEC. 49.99.2. PROHIBITION ON RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS.

- A. No Owner shall evict a residential tenant for non-payment of rent during the 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 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. Tenants shall have up to ~~six~~ **12** months following the expiration of the Local Emergency Period to repay any past due rent. Tenants may use the protections afforded in this section as an affirmative defense in an unlawful detainer action. Nothing in this article eliminates any obligation to pay lawfully charged rent.

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