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City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles City Council Approves Ordinance Limiting Residential and Commercial Evictions

On March 27, 2020, the city council adopted a [tenant protection ordinance](#) that prohibited evictions during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. On the residential side, the ordinance prohibits (1) "no fault" evictions; (2) evictions for failure to pay rent "due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic" (tenants have up to 12 months to pay back rent after expiration of the emergency period); and (3) removal of occupied housing from the market that is subject to the Ellis Act. On the commercial side, the ordinance prohibits evictions for failure to pay rent due to circumstances related to COVID-19 (tenants have up to three months to pay back rent after expiration of the emergency period), although this provision of the ordinance does not apply to multinational companies, publicly traded companies, and businesses with more than 500 employees. The ordinance became effective March 31, 2020.

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission Meetings Go Virtual

In response to Governor Gavin Newsom's executive order prohibiting in-person public agency meetings, the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission will hold its meetings online and by teleconference. The public can watch meetings on Zoom, the Department of Regional Planning's Facebook page, and its YouTube channel. Before the meeting, public comments can be submitted via email or by telephone. During the broadcast, comments will be accepted through Zoom. The [press release](#) includes the webinar ID for Zoom and links to social media websites to view the meeting, the teleconference number to listen in, and the email address and telephone number to submit comments.

For City of Los Angeles Development Services Continuity of Operations Plans for the Departments of City Planning and Building and Safety, refer to the information in our [March 24, 2020, newsletter](#).

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