

MN MULTI HOUSING ASSOCIATION 'SHELTER IN PLACE' GUIDELINES

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought frightening and uncertain times, leaving many Minnesotans with health challenges and economic difficulties. The MN Multi Housing Association (MHA) urges rental housing providers to act with compassion and work with residents who face COVID-19 related hardships.

The last thing Minnesotans need when they are struggling to maintain stability is to lose the safe place they call home. In this time of crisis, MHA members offer stability as they provide safe homes to hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans who may soon be sheltering in place.

To ensure this stability, MHA calls upon every Minnesota rental housing provider to support the ***MHA 'Shelter in Place' Guidelines*** by adopting the following through May 31, 2020:

- **Halt evictions** on renters affected by COVID-19, absent extraordinary circumstances.
- **Waive late fees** for residents who pay rent after the rent due date because they have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and related government actions.
- **Offer flexible payment plans** for residents who cannot pay rent by the due date.
- **Cease new rent increase notifications** on all residents starting April 1.
- **Direct renters to available resources** to assist with food, health, and financial assistance.
- **Communicate with residents proactively** that you are available to assist them and want to work with them to ensure they remain housed.

The challenge before us is one like we have never endured. But as a community of responsible housing providers, it is our opportunity to help our communities recover. MHA believes rental housing providers have an obligation to stay informed, to look out for each other and our residents, and work together to weather this storm. If we meet this moment, we can come out of this crisis stronger.