



# Community Development & Housing Department Information and Updates due to COVID-19

## INFORMATION FOR RENTERS

Tarrant County understands that renters will be impacted with the Shelter in Place order and the potential loss of income due to COVID-19. **While rents still have to be paid**, Tarrant County understands that renters need assistance and we are finding resources to assist low income households during this period of emergency. We have encouraged landlords and owners to work with renters and provide payment plans for residents unable to pay their rent and/or waiving late fees. We encourage you to work with your landlord.

- ❖ Effective March 17, 2020, all scheduled Tarrant County court proceedings (including motion hearings and trials) except for those deemed “essential court proceedings”, such as Emergency Mental Detention Warrants, Writs of Reentry, Writs of Retrieval, and certain Repair and Remedy cases, are suspended until further notice. **In Eviction cases, no writs of possession will be issued by the Court until the Court receives a new directive.**

See <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/dam/main/justices-of-the-peace/JP3/Documents/Tarrant-County-Justice-Courts-Temporary-Standing-Order-1-%20Final.pdf?linklocation=About%20Us&linkname=>

- ❖ If you live in Tarrant County, **OUTSIDE** of the City of Arlington, City of Fort Worth and City of Grand Prairie, are **extremely low income** and have a **notice to vacate or eviction notice**, please call our office to speak to a case manager about short term rental assistance at (817) 850-7940.
- ❖ If you live ANYWHERE in Tarrant County and need short term rental or utility assistance, please call  
Tarrant County - Human Services (817) 531-5620 (all Tarrant County, Wait or Leave msg)  
Ft. W. Community Action Partners (817) 392-5790 (all Tarrant County)
- ❖ If you live in **Fort Worth** and need short term rental assistance inquire with...  
Ft. W. Community Action Partners (817) 392-5790 (all Tarrant County)  
Salvation Army (817) 344-1832
- ❖ If you live in **Arlington** and need short term rental assistance inquire with...  
Arlington Urban Ministries (817) 861-8585 (Residents in Arlington Only)  
Arlington Housing Authority (817) 276-6713 (Residents in Arlington Only)