

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY  
TRIAL DIVISION**

**Administrative Docket**

**No. 14 of 2021**

**In re: Extension of Residential Eviction Moratorium**

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021, upon review of the Order dated March 28, 2021 issued by Rochelle P. Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the Residential Eviction Moratorium implemented by this Court in Administrative Order No. 56 of 2020, Administrative Order No. 69 of 2020, and Administrative Order No. 5 of 2021 is extended through June 30, 2021, as specifically provided in the CDC Order. The CDC Declaration that must be signed and provided by the tenants, lessees or residents to the landlord, owner of the residential property or other person who has a right to have the tenant evicted has been updated as attached. The Court notes, however, that as to such Declaration, the March 28, 2021 CDC Order provides that:

- (1) a signed Declaration submitted under a previous order remains valid notwithstanding the issue of the extended and modified order, and covered persons do not need to submit a new Declaration under the new Order; and
- (2) Tenants, lessees, or residents of a residential property may use any written document in place of the Declaration Form if it includes the same information as required in the Form, is signed, and includes a perjury statement.

**BY THE COURT:**

*/s/ Lisette Shirdan-Harris*

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**LISETTE SHIRDAN-HARRIS**

Administrative Judge  
Trial Division

*/s/ Daniel J. Anders*

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**DANIEL J. ANDERS**

Supervising Judge  
Trial Division - Civil Section

**DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY FOR  
THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S TEMPORARY  
HALT IN EVICTIONS TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19**

This declaration is for tenants, lessees, or residents of residential properties who are covered by the CDC's order temporarily halting residential evictions (not including foreclosures on home mortgages) to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Under the CDC's order you must provide a copy of this declaration to your landlord, owner of the residential property where you live, or other person who has a right to have you evicted or removed from where you live. Each adult listed on the lease, rental agreement, or housing contract should complete this declaration. Unless the CDC order is extended, changed, or ended, the order prevents you from being evicted or removed from where you are living through January 31, 2021. You are still required to pay rent and follow all the other terms of your lease and rules of the place where you live. You may also still be evicted for reasons other than not paying rent or making a housing payment. This declaration is sworn testimony, meaning that you can be prosecuted, go to jail, or pay a fine if you lie, mislead, or omit important information.

I certify under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing are true and correct:

- I have used best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;<sup>1</sup>
- I either earned no more than \$99,000 (or \$198,000 if filing jointly) in Calendar Year 2020, or expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for Calendar Year 2021 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return), was not required to report any income in 2020 to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check);
- I am unable to pay my full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, lay-offs, or extraordinary<sup>2</sup> out-of-pocket medical expenses;
- I am using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as my circumstances may permit, taking into account other nondiscretionary expenses;

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<sup>1</sup> "Available government assistance" means any governmental rental or housing payment benefits available to the individual or any household member.

<sup>2</sup> An "extraordinary" medical expense is any unreimbursed medical expense likely to exceed 7.5% of one's adjusted gross income for the year.

- If evicted I would likely become homeless, force me to move into and live in close quarters in a new congregate or shared living setting because I have no other available housing options.<sup>3</sup>
- I understand that I must still pay rent or make a housing payment, and comply with other obligations that I may have under my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract. I further understand that fees, penalties, or interest for not paying rent or making a housing payment on time as required by my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract may still be charged or collected.
- I further understand that at the end of this temporary halt on evictions on January 31, 2021, my housing provider may require payment in full for all payments not made prior to and during the temporary halt and failure to pay may make me subject to eviction pursuant to state and local laws.

I understand that any false or misleading statements or omissions may result in criminal and civil actions for fines, penalties, damages, or imprisonment.

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Signature of Declarant

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Date

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<sup>3</sup> “Available housing” means any available, unoccupied residential property, or other space for occupancy in any seasonal or temporary housing, that would not violate federal, state, or local occupancy standards and that would not result in an overall increase of housing cost to you.