

1 [Administrative Code - Extension Of Temporary Tenant Protections Due To COVID-19]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to limit residential evictions through**  
4 **June 30, 2021, unless the eviction is based on the non-payment of rent or is necessary**  
5 **due to violence-related issues or health and safety issues.**

6 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
7 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
8 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
9 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
10 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
11 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
12 subsections or parts of tables.

13 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

14 Section 1. Purpose and Findings.

15 (a) On February 25, 2020, the Mayor proclaimed a state of emergency due to the  
16 COVID-19 crisis, and subsequently imposed a moratorium on residential evictions to protect  
17 tenants and help contain the spread of the virus, as reflected in the Twelfth Supplement to the  
18 emergency proclamation, which was dated April 30, 2020. Paragraph 1(c) of the Twelfth  
19 Supplement limited the ability of landlords to recover possession of a rental unit unless  
20 necessary due to violence, threats of violence, or health and safety issues, through two  
21 months after its expiration. After issuing the Twelfth Supplement, which was originally set to  
22 expire at the end of June 2020, the Mayor extended it several times, one month at a time.

23 (b) Due to the ongoing need to keep people safely housed and to avoid the uncertainty  
24 of month-to-month extensions, the Board of Supervisors adopted, and the Mayor signed,  
25 Ordinance No. 216-20, which amended the Administrative Code to extend the protections that  
had been in paragraph 1(c) through March 31, 2021.

1 (c) Due to the continuing COVID-19 crisis and recent surge in the pandemic in the  
2 Bay Area and nationally, the Board of Supervisors finds it is essential to extend the  
3 protections in Ordinance No. 216-20 three months beyond the original end date of March 31,  
4 2020, so that its protections last through June 30, 2021. This ordinance is not intended to  
5 affect or impair any other existing eviction protections, including state and local protections for  
6 tenants who were unable to pay rent or other financial obligations of tenancy that came due  
7 between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

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9 Section 2. Chapter 37 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising  
10 Section 37.9(n), to read as follows:

11 **SEC. 37.9. EVICTIONS.**

12 Notwithstanding Section 37.3, this Section 37.9 shall apply as of August 24, 1980, to  
13 all landlords and tenants of rental units as defined in Section 37.2(r).

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15 (n) **Additional Just Cause Requirements Due to COVID-19.**

16 (1) No landlord shall endeavor to recover possession of a rental unit on or before  
17 June 30~~March 31~~, 2021 unless necessary due to violence, threats of violence, or health and  
18 safety issues. This limitation shall be in addition to the just cause requirements set forth in  
19 Section 37.9(a), and shall apply to all rental units, including those that are otherwise exempt  
20 from just cause requirements pursuant to Section 37.9(b). However, this additional limitation  
21 shall not apply to evictions due to unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a  
22 tenant under the tenancy that came due between March 1, 2020 and June 30~~January 31~~,  
23 2021, inclusive; or to evictions under Section 37.9(a)(13).

24 (2) The protections in subsection (1) shall also apply to units where the rent is  
25 controlled or regulated by the City, notwithstanding Section 37.2(r)(4), including without

1 limitation privately-operated units controlled or regulated by the Mayor’s Office of Housing and  
2 Community Development and/or the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

3 (3) This Section 37.9(n) is intended to limit evictions until July 1~~March 31~~, 2021,  
4 and shall therefore apply to all residential dwelling units described in subsections (1) and (2),  
5 including but not limited to those where a notice to vacate or quit was pending as of the date  
6 that this Section 37.9(n) first took effect and regardless whether the notice was served before  
7 or after September 15, 2020.

8 (4) This Section 37.9(n) shall expire by operation of law on July~~April~~ 1, 2021,  
9 unless extended by ordinance. Upon expiration, the City Attorney shall cause this Section  
10 37.9(n) to be removed from the Administrative Code.

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12 Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
13 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
14 numbers, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the  
15 Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board  
16 amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that  
17 appears under the official title of the ordinance.

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19 Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word  
20 of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be  
21 invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision  
22 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of the ordinance. The  
23 Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and  
24 every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or  
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1 unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion of this ordinance or application  
2 thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

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4 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
5 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
6 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
7 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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