

## Immediate Release

### City of Desert Hot Springs Halts Residential and Commercial Evictions through May 31, 2020

**Friday, March 27, 2020:** Desert Hot Springs is a community with a high percentage of renters and small businesses whose sole livelihood is the business space they occupy.

Like every city across the United States, our city and its residents have been deeply impacted by this very significant and rapidly emerging national health emergency that is taking a heavy economic toll.

Desert Hot Springs has the added hardship of being a working-class community, our residents have been mandated to stay home and businesses have been ordered to close.

To have our good citizens facing an added life burden of eviction from their homes and their shops during these unprecedented times is unacceptable.

Therefore, today during an Emergency Meeting, the City Council unanimously approved a Resolution adopting a moratorium halting residential and commercial evictions through May 31, 2020, unless terminated earlier, or extended by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services or the City Council.

Our city council continues to encourage everyone to follow social distancing guidelines as this is the surest way to protect our community's health and speed recovery from this very challenging crisis.

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