



City of Balcones Heights

March 24, 2020

Dear Property Manager,

During these uncertain times as the world deals with the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Balcones Heights is working with residents, businesses and other governmental agencies to protect our citizens from the spread of the disease and the lessen the financial impact of this health issue.

On Friday, March 20, 2020 Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Supreme Court temporarily suspended evictions for a period of one month (April 19th). Evictions are civil proceedings and not a part of the City of Balcones Heights Municipal Court. Residents who contact the City of Balcones Heights with complaints of evictions notices are directed to contact the Justice of the Peace (JP) Courts which have jurisdiction over evictions. Please note that the State Supreme Court will continue allowing the filing of eviction cases where there is a threat of physical harm or criminal activity.

Property managers who have eviction questions should contact Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Place 1, Judge Roberto Vazquez's office for guidance (210) 335-4800 or online at www.bexar.org/3151/Precinct-2-Place-1, or consult your company's legal counsel for assistance.

Thank you for working with us during this unprecedented event. For additional COVID-19 information and links, please visit the City of Balcones Heights website: www.bhtx.gov

Respectfully,

David Harris
City Administrator



Governor Abbott Issues Statement On Texas Supreme Court Temporary Suspension Of Residential Eviction Proceedings

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Governor Greg Abbott issued the following statement after the Texas Supreme Court issued an emergency order suspending residential eviction proceedings through April 19, 2020, unless there is a threat of physical harm or criminal activity:

"This decision by the Texas Supreme Court offers a lifeline to many Texans who are beginning to feel the economic impact of COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "Temporarily suspending residential eviction proceedings will provide Texans whose personal income has been affected by the spread of this virus with greater flexibility to meet their housing needs and provide for their families. I thank the Texas Supreme Court for its swift action on this matter."