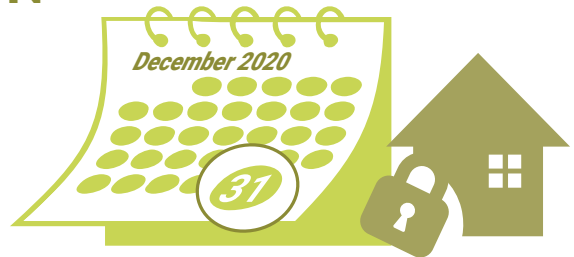




DECEMBER 31, 2020:

OREGON STATEWIDE EVICTION MORATORIUM ENDS



WE NEED ACTION NOW TO:

- ✓ Extend the Eviction Moratorium
- ✓ Provide rent assistance that protects both renters and landlords

During the biggest public health crisis of our lifetimes, we've protected people who need help the most. Thanks to the eviction moratorium, all renters have had a place to stay at home and stay safe, to come home to after working on the front lines of the pandemic, and to provide at-home education for their children.

Oregon renters—particularly people of color—have been able to hang on to their homes during COVID.

A majority of Black and Latinx Oregonians rent their homes as a result of historic discrimination in housing, barriers to homeownership and economic barriers. Allowing evictions to resume will have a greater impact on communities of color, who have already been disproportionately negatively impacted by the pandemic.

The eviction moratorium is working.

The overwhelming majority of Oregon renters have been paying all or part of their rent. Even in the face of astonishing job losses there has not been a new wave of homelessness thanks to the eviction moratorium. We've done a good job in Oregon to prevent a new wave of homeless children, families, and individuals. We must keep going.

ESTIMATED RANGE OF HOUSEHOLDS FACING HOUSING DISRUPTION OR EVICTION FILINGS BY JAN 2021:

20,000 -
40,000

AVERAGE AMOUNT OF BACK RENT OWED:

\$1,250 -
\$2,700

Lifting eviction moratoriums increases COVID illness and death.

The best prevention during the pandemic is a safe place to stay, which is why eviction moratoriums were put in place.

Incidences of COVID-19 have risen in states that lifted moratoriums at 2.1 times the rate of states that maintained them. Deaths increased by 5.4 times.

Families need stability to provide for their children's education.

More than one in five families with children who rent their homes say they may not be able to pay next month's rent.

Oregon already has one of the highest rates of student homelessness in the country.

We cannot force families whose children have been learning remotely to lose stability, internet connection and the ability to keep their education going in the pandemic.

Landlords need certainty that the rent will be paid.

This proposal will both extend the moratorium, and provide rent assistance to landlords and tenants to help provide stability. Without action, both landlords and tenants will face a patchwork of different protections in different communities. If landlords evict tenants for nonpayment of rent starting in January, they may never receive the back rent they are owed.

Oregon's renting families have hung on this long. We cannot take away their lifeline now.

We promised Oregon renters that they wouldn't lose their homes during the pandemic.

We need to keep that promise by:

- Extending the eviction moratorium through June, 2021 to get families through the school year
- Providing protection to protect both renters and landlords against financial losses from back rent.
 - Give people more time to pay back rent
 - Help renters who have been unable to pay full rent
 - Create a landlord compensation fund for missed rent

OREGON RENTERS AT RISK OF EVICTION BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PAY NEXT MONTH'S RENT:

1 in 3

BLACK OREGONIANS (30%)

>1 in 5

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN (22%)

>1 in 4

PEOPLE OVER 55 YEARS (27%)

1 in 5

ALL OREGON RENTERS (18%)

OREGONIANS USING CREDIT CARDS OR BORROWING MONEY TO MEET SPENDING NEEDS:

47%

OREGONIANS WHO HAVE CUT BACK PAYING FOR FOOD OR MEDICINE TO PAY RENT:

53%

We support extending the eviction moratorium and providing rent relief for Oregonians harmed by the coronavirus pandemic.

