



April 24, 2020

**UPDATE #17
NON-PAYMENT EVICTIONS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER MAY 31, 2020**

Dear Friends,

Today, the Tennessee Supreme Court issued an Order extending the COVID-19 related suspension of rent based evictions through May 31, 2020. The current order also applies to nonpayment evictions filed prior to March 27, 2020. **All nonpayment evictions currently set for May will not go forward.**

The April 24th Order states:

“Given the increasing economic issues caused by this pandemic, no judge, clerk, or other court official shall take any action to effectuate an eviction, ejection, or other displacement from a residence during the effective dates of this order based upon the failure to make a rent, loan, or other similar payment absent extraordinary circumstances as determined by a judge in a court of competent jurisdiction.”

Consistent with our prior guidance to you, this language does not preclude conduct-based evictions. If your eviction is for conduct, please check with Cathi about potential court dates.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at:

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