

## COVID-19 TENANT HARDSHIP AFFIDAVIT

The Coronavirus outbreak has become not just a medical emergency but a crisis with with serious social and legal issues at stake. During this time of crisis, the most pressing issue for many after their health is the issue of continued occupancy at rented housing.

The Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Community Advocacy Clinic has prepared the attached COVID-19 TENANT HARDSHIP AFFIDAVIT. This form may assist you to better document and more easily apply for any assistance programs available now or in the future from your local, State, or Federal Government, as well as any private assistance programs that may be available in your community.

To complete the attached form, please print legibly. Include in Line 1 your name, your address, whether your lease is verbal or written, and the name of your landlord. On Line 3, please describe how the virus outbreak and response has negatively impacted your ability to pay rent, food, or cover other basic necessities of life. If there is not enough room in the space provided, include additional statements on a separate sheet of paper and mark “see attached” on Line 3. On Line 4, please estimate how long you anticipate your situation continuing, keeping in mind that some public health estimates extend our current conditions to 120 days.

**Please note that this COVID-19 TENANT HARDSHIP AFFIDAVIT is most beneficial to tenants who can answer “Yes” to the rent statement on Line 2. If you are not current in rent or may be facing eviction for reasons unrelated to hardships caused by COVID-19, such as criminal activity, these documents may not be helpful to your situation.**

Contact your local financial institution for clarification on whether they offer drive-through or remote notary services. If you have any additional questions regarding this affidavit, or to speak with a lawyer-supervised law student that may be able to assess your situation and/or guide you to other resources, please contact the Cleveland-Marshall Community Advocacy Clinic at 216-687-3947.

The following legal services organizations may also be able to offer tenant advice during this time of crisis:

- Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland: 216-687-1900
- CWRU Kramer Law Clinic: 216-368-6361
- Equality Ohio Cleveland Legal Clinic: 855-LGBT-LAW

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn do hereby attest to the following:

1. That I am the current occupant and tenant at \_\_\_\_\_ (the “premises”) pursuant to a \_\_\_\_\_ lease agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter “landlord”).

2) That I am current in my rent;

3) That due to the State of Ohio’s emergency orders in fighting the outbreak of COVID-19, commonly known as “coronavirus” I have suffered the following hardships: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;

4) That I anticipate these hardships continuing for at least the next \_\_\_\_\_ days;

5) That I am requesting a written response from my landlord or their representative confirming receipt of this Affidavit of Fact and plan to continue my occupancy of the premises in good faith;

6) That I am requesting my landlord seek mediation with me to address the payment rent prior to filing any eviction action.

7) That I do not have any other housing options during this period.

8) I aver and represent that the information set forth above concerning my financial condition is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Further Affiant Says Naught,

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF TENANT

CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY

State of OHIO )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, County of \_\_\_\_\_,  
personally appeared the above named \_\_\_\_\_, who  
acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing instrument and that the same is their  
free act and deed. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto affixed my name and official  
seal at \_\_\_\_\_, Ohio this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_