What are U.S. City Governments Doing to Protect Renters?

The main remedies/proposals:

- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Temporary Eviction Moratoriums
- Eviction Bans
Emergency Rental Assistance Funds

- Enhanced unemployment ends 7/31
- Undocumented families aren't eligible for unemployment benefits

Local funds are insufficient for needs that may extend several months, if not more.

Hopelink's rental assistance program offers up to $1,400 to a household in a 12-month period.

2020 Average Monthly Rents

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Temporary Eviction Moratoriums

• Debt continues to mount
• Language around "reasonable payment plans" is vague and eviction risk remains high
• Many predict "eviction tsunami" when moratoriums lift

Where will families go?
Ban on Evictions Due to Nonpayment of Rent that Became Due During the Local Emergency

Model Ordinance from King County Bar Association:

“You may not be evicted for rent that became due during the Civil Emergency if the rent was unpaid because of a substantial reduction in household income or a substantial increase in expenses related to the Coronavirus pandemic. This does not relieve you of the obligation to pay back rent in the future.”
Upcoming Events

June 9, 6:00 PM - Town Hall
Sponsored by Imagine Housing Tenants Union to address concerns of Imagine Housing tenants. Contact Helena Benedict (helenab@tenantsunion.org) for the link or more details.

June 16, 4:00-5:30 PM - Tenant Rights with ELAP
Shane Woerner, ELAP's Kirkland Housing Attorney, presents info about tenant rights, and offers guidance on how to protect yourself as a tenant.
[www.elap.org/webinars/](http://www.elap.org/webinars/)

June 17, 4:00-5:00 PM - Eastside Renters in Crisis: Part Two
A follow up to today’s event with updates on housing protections from cities, King County, and the State.
Learn more about Eastside For All

Website: EastsideForAll.org

Facebook: Facebook.com/EastsideForAll/

Transforming East King County into a place where racial, economic, and social justice is made possible for communities of color.
Thank you to our community speakers!

And to our co-sponsors & partners:

- Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)
- 4Tomorrow
- Safe Haven
- Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition (ERIC)
- Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition
- Tenants Union of WA
- Washington Community Action Network (CAN)