



# TENANTS!



## A NEW ORDER MAY PREVENT YOUR EVICTION

- *IT'S NOT AUTOMATIC!*
- *YOU MUST TAKE ACTION!*

On September 4, 2020, a historic order from the Centers for Disease Control (part of the federal government) went into effect. It applies only to tenants in certain circumstances.

The CDC Order says a landlord cannot take any action to evict a tenant before December 31, 2020, but only if the tenant gives the landlord a sworn certificate. The sworn certificate must contain specific information. Making a false statement on the certificate could be considered perjury. So, it is very important to see a lawyer to get help in doing the certificate. (Legal Aid can help with that! Call us!) Once signed, it should be delivered to the landlord.

When the certificate is given to the landlord, no further action can be taken in the eviction. Even so, the landlord and tenant can still talk about how to settle the nonpayment issue. Doing so is encouraged.

Although the CDC order prevents any action to evict a tenant, tenants are still required to pay rent and follow all the other terms of their lease and rules of the place where they live. Late fees can still be charged to the tenant. A tenant can still be evicted for reasons other than nonpayment of rent.

**❖❖❖ Call 239-775-4555 for assistance ❖❖❖**

**We are currently assisting clients by telephone only.**

**No walk-in appointments.**

***YOU MUST TAKE ACTION TO AVOID EVICTION. DOING***

***NOTHING IS NOT THE ANSWER.***