

CARES Act COVID-19 Tenant Protections

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Tenants in federally-subsidized housing & federally-backed properties are covered.

These protections may apply to more than half of Austinites! We don't have all the data yet but here's how to find out what we know:



What Is a Federally-Backed Property?

These are properties where the federal government has purchased, securitized, owned, insured, or guaranteed the mortgage through the involvement of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, HUD, USDA, or other agencies. This information is normally not publicly accessible.

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Do you live in subsidized housing like Section 8, tax credit, or public housing?

No →

How many units are in the property where you live?

5+ units →

Go to <https://rebrand.ly/74d2f> to see if your property is on the list.

Yes!! ↓

COVERED!!

CHECK YOUR PROTECTIONS BELOW!!

COVERAGE UNKNOWN

There is no public information about the mortgages of these properties. For now, you can ask your landlord if your property is federally-backed. Find a template letter: **BASTA Resource Guide # 15**

1 to 4 units ↓

Likely COVERED!!

Your property is likely covered! You should confirm with your landlord using this letter: **BASTA Resource Guide # 14**

On the list ↓

Not on the list ↓

May NOT be COVERED!!

You may not be covered. But since this list is not complete, you can still ask your landlord to be sure. Find a template letter: **BASTA Resource Guide #15**

So what are the protections?

Until July 25, 2020, landlords may not:



Give notices to vacate in nonpayment cases



File nonpayment eviction cases



Charge late fees

After July 25th, landlords must give an additional 30-day notice to vacate.



Tenants who do not pay rent during this 120-day period may still face financial and legal liabilities, including eviction, after the moratorium ends, so pay your rent if you can.

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