



Town of Danvers

Department of Land Use & Community Services

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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON EVICTION ENFORCEMENT

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On March 18, 2020, Danvers Town Manager Steve Bartha declared a state of emergency in response to the threat of the spread of COVID-19. Pursuant this declaration, the Board of Health issues this Order which imposes a moratorium on eviction enforcement and other real estate business.

1. Notwithstanding MGL c. 186, MGL c. 239 or any general or special law to the contrary, no landlord and/or owner shall enforce an eviction upon a resident of Danvers, residential or commercial, during this public health crisis.
2. No landlord and/or owner shall access or seek to access a tenant's dwelling space for purposes such as general inspections, displaying units to potential future tenants and other non-critical activities. A landlord may only access a tenant's dwelling space to make repairs requested by the tenant, repairs required as a matter of law, or to respond to a life threatening emergency. A tenant may refuse access of entry for non-critical purposes or when adequate social distancing arrangements (at a minimum of six feet) have not been made.
3. No "open house" for the sale of residential or commercial real estate may be held. A private showing of real estate may be conducted if social distancing measures are used. Visitors are limited to two persons, and one realtor. Visitors must be advised to limit the touching of surfaces; and, cleaning of frequently touched surfaces must be conducted between visitors.
4. This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgement that the public health emergency no longer exists.
5. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or entity or circumstance is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgement shall not affect or impair the validity of the other provisions of this Order or the application thereof to other persons, entities and circumstances.

FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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