



TENANT'S DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

(RENT ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM (RAP) MUNICODE SECTION 8.22.360.D.9 FORM)

Under the Oakland's Just Cause Ordinance, in an unlawful detainer action (eviction lawsuit) based on nonpayment of rent that accrued between March 9, 2020 and July 14, 2023, it is a defense that the rent was late or unpaid due to a substantial reduction in household income or substantial increase in expenses resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19.)

Tenants can complete the following declaration and return a signed copy to their landlord to indicate that they qualify for the COVID-19 financial hardship defense.

Dear _____,
(name of landlord)

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the following statement is true.

I am writing to provide notice that I was unable to pay full rent during the month(s) of _____ as a result of financial impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
(dates)

The financial impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic include: (check all that apply)

- Decrease in household income due to loss of work (layoffs, reduction of hours, closures, etc.)
- Decrease in household income due to caregiving responsibilities, including childcare needs arising from school closures, caring for sick family members, etc.
- Substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Funeral costs and travel
- Reduction of the number of tenants in a group living arrangement which reduced the ability of the remaining tenants to pay rent
- Other (identify below): _____

I understand that submitting this form does not release me from the obligation to pay rents lawfully owed. Any medical or financial information provided in support of my hardship claim must be held in confidence.

(Print Name)

(Unit Address)

(Signature)

(Date)