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## **BEAVERTON OFFERS RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – The City of Beaverton has launched new resources for both residents and small businesses in an ongoing effort to provide help during the global coronavirus pandemic.

Beaverton residents with questions about the residential eviction moratorium or seeking information and referrals can access a new housing hotline available by phone at 503-629-6427 and by email at [CovidHousingInfo@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:CovidHousingInfo@BeavertonOregon.gov). The hotline is staffed by city employees with a commitment to 24-hour response for inquiries received Monday through Friday. The phone hotline offers information in English and Spanish, and responses are available in multiple languages.

A dedicated webpage at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/evictionmoratorium](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/evictionmoratorium) also has launched with housing resources, including a new document with frequently asked questions shared by Legal Aid Services of Oregon and the Oregon Law Center that has been modified with Beaverton-specific information.

The city also teamed up with the Small Business Legal Clinic and Impact Beaverton to release a comprehensive Frequently Asked Questions for small business owners regarding commercial leases. This document provides information about the statewide commercial eviction moratorium, ideas for negotiating with landlords and education about commercial leases. Links to this information and to more than a dozen state and federal small business resources in response to COVID-19, are available at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/economicdevelopment](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/economicdevelopment).

“Beaverton was one of the first cities in Oregon to pass a residential eviction moratorium and offer funding to small businesses through our emergency business assistance program,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “The City Council and I are proud of what we have achieved and we are committed to doing more. Support for people who live and work in our community must continue. The only way to get through this will be together.”

Beaverton’s Emergency Business Assistance Program, a partnership program with the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce, provided \$250,000 in grants to 120 eligible businesses for rental or mortgage payments in its initial round.

The city is exploring additional grant and program assistance to serve the community’s most vulnerable populations impacted by COVID-19. These opportunities are currently in development and will complement responses already implemented by the city.

The city also continues to support local business efforts, such as the Beaverton Downtown Association's "Takeout Thursday" initiative that encourages dine-out at open restaurants and dining establishments listed at [www.downtownbeaverton.org](http://www.downtownbeaverton.org).

In addition, water shut-offs remain suspended, library fines are halted, and Beaverton's severe weather shelter is open through May to serve adults experiencing homelessness.

Visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov) for the latest information on the ways the city is working to preserve the health and safety of our community and prevent further spread of COVID-19, as well as up-to-date listings of available city services and other news.

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