

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO: 21-10

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING AN  
ORDINANCE ENACTING A LIMITED AND  
TEMPORARY LANE COUNTY-WIDE  
EVICTON MORATORIUM

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization, the President of the United States, the Governor of Oregon, and the Board of Commissioners has declared the global pandemic caused by the COVID virus to a be an emergency); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has previously found homelessness to be an emergency within Lane County; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary focus of the United States Congress, the Oregon Legislature and the Lane County Board of Commissioners over the course of the last twenty months has involved strategies to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, a plethora of recent academic and professional studies have found causal relationships between evictions (including the threat of eviction) and childhood trauma, substance use disorder, adverse health outcomes, and premature mortality. Together, the links between evictions and an already-acute mortality crisis are referred to as “deaths of despair”.

**WHEREAS**, significant federal, state, and local resources are being expended and managed in pursuit of allowing residents to maintain their ability to remain housed during these extraordinary times; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners, acting in its capacity as the Lane County Governing Body of the Public Health Authority of, finds that creating a local law to temporarily extend the limited application of a statewide eviction moratorium by an additional 30 days, will be effective in slowing the rate of homelessness in Lane County and mitigating the impact of COVID-19 within the boundaries of Lane County, including within the bounds of incorporated municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing process to provide federal rental assistance to renters and landlords is providing those resources much slower than initially expected; and


**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Legislature’s provision within SB 278 (2021) that the eviction process should be delayed for 60 days for any individual who has applied for rental assistance under that law has proven to be of insufficient length to actually provide eviction protection for these applicants; and


**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Legislature is unlikely to be able to convene to address this unintended consequence of SB 278 in a timely fashion.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDAINS** as follows:

1. Lane Code Chapter 20 is amended by making the additions as depicted in Exhibit A of this Ordinance, which is attached and incorporated by this reference, to add code sections LC 20.100.070.
2. The Findings of Fact above are specifically incorporated by this reference are adopted in support of the above amendment to Lane Code Chapter 20.
3. Nothing herein is intended to, nor acts to amend, replace, or otherwise conflict with any other ordinances of Lane County or any other Code or statutory provisions unless expressly so stated.
4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion constitutes a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding does not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.
5. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance, being enacted by the Board in the exercise of its police power for the purpose of meeting such Emergency, and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, takes effect immediately.

**ENACTED** this 30th day of November, 2021

  
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Joe Berney, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

  
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Recording Secretary for this Meeting of the Board

**20.100.070 – Temporary Eviction Moratorium and Safe Harbor.**

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