



# Maricopa County Justice Courts, Arizona

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*YOU CAN ASK FOR FREE LEGAL HELP BY CONTACTING:*

Community Legal Services

1-800-852-9075

[www.clsaz.org](http://www.clsaz.org)

(This legal help program is not part of the court.)

## **INFORMATION ON TEMPORARY HALT IN RESIDENTIAL EVICTION FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT**

You may have a **right to stay in your home** through January 31, 2021 even though you are unable to pay all of your rent during this time; but only if you can **accurately** and **truthfully** make **all five** of the following statements and you give your landlord a paper called a **declaration** that contains them:

- 1) You are using your best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;
- 2) You either (i) expect to earn no more than \$99,000 during the 2020 Calendar Year (or no more than \$198,000 when you file a joint tax return), (ii) were not required to report any income in 2019 to the IRS, or (iii) received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check) under the CARES Act;
- 3) You are unable to pay the full rent or make a full housing payment due to a large loss of household income, loss of normally paid hours or wages, a lay-off, or out-of-pocket medical expenses more than 7.5% of your total income;
- 4) You are using your best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as your circumstances may permit, taking into account other bills you have to pay; and
- 5) If evicted, you would likely be homeless or be forced to move into a crowded living space such as a shelter or a residence with other people because you have no other available place to live for the same or lower cost.

There are multiple places tenants may obtain a CDC declaration form:

<http://justicecourts.maricopa.gov/Forms>, <https://www.azcourts.gov/eviction>,  
<https://www.azcourts.gov/desalojo>, <https://www.azcourthelp.org>, or another agency that assists tenants.

Please read it carefully. If you sign the declaration when you know any statement is false, you may be charged and convicted with a felony and be required to pay a large fine or even be sent to jail.

If your landlord provides the judge a reason to believe, based on evidence, that any of the five statements in the declaration are not accurate, the court may schedule a hearing. At this hearing, before you can be evicted for nonpayment of rent, your landlord must prove at least one of the statements is not accurate. You may explain why you believe it is accurate and provide any documents you have that support your belief. Then the judge will decide whether to let you stay in your home or order you to move out because you have not kept up with your rent payments.