



SANDY SPRINGS
MAYOR'S OFFICE

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STATEMENT ON WORKING WITH RESIDENTIAL TENANTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic is a contagion that has far-reaching effects, not only affecting the physical and emotional health of our community; its economic stressors will have a profound impact for many months to come.

For those in our lower economic tiers, the business shut down, and the resulting reduction of jobs has created an economic hardship none of us could have predicted. We are seeing record numbers of individuals and families in need of financial assistance to keep the lights on and food on the table. We have neighbors in need. Today, I am asking that our rental management companies consider options, working with tenants to build strategies that will keep residents in their homes, and provide a pathway for rent payment. One suggestion is the elimination of late fees. It is a vicious cycle for those struggling to earn a weekly paycheck, feed their families, pay rent, and have penalties on top of the consequences imposed by COVID.

We are facing a crisis with a depth and far-reaching effects unparalleled in our city's history. We are all in this together and need to work together for the betterment of our community.

Russell K. Paul
Mayor