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To Owners, Managers, and Leasing Agents of Properties in Rockville's MPDU Program:

As you are aware, the City of Rockville's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) program requires that tenants participating in the MPDU program recertify at your properties that they are still eligible to be MPDU tenants. Tenants are required to complete the recertifications at the end of their lease terms or at the expiration of the MPDU certificates for those who still hold a valid City-issued certificates (the City stopped issuing rental MPDU certificates in May 2019).

Based on action taken by Rockville's Mayor and Council on May 4, 2020 (Attachment A), I hereby notify you that:

1. The Mayor and Council of Rockville has suspended the MPDU program eligibility requirements for all households renting MPDUs in the City that would be subject to eligibility recertification between May 4, 2020 and September 30, 2020, inclusive.
2. Between May 4, 2020 and September 30, 2020, an owner, manager, or leasing agent may renew the lease of a current MPDU tenant under the terms of the MPDU program for up to one (1) year without recertifying the eligibility of that tenant to participate in the MPDU program. Renewal rental rates shall not exceed the current MPDU rents, as reflected on the City's website (<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/836/Affordable-Rental-Housing>).
3. Between May 4, 2020 and September 30, 2020, an owner, manager, or leasing agent must not send any MPDU tenant a notice to vacate a MPDU due to a failure to submit information necessary to recertify MPDU program eligibility or due to the tenant's ineligibility to participate in the MPDU program.
4. By Monday, May 18, 2020, all owners, managers, and leasing agents must revoke, in writing, any outstanding notice to vacate a MPDU due to a failure to submit information necessary to recertify MPDU program eligibility or due to the tenant's ineligibility to participate in the MPDU program. Please submit a copy of any written revocation to cgorham@rockvillemd.gov.

City staff is here to support you and your residents during this challenging time. We understand the unique circumstances facing our businesses and residents. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff if there are ways we can help. Feel free to contact Crystal Gorham, Landlord-Tenant Specialist, as your initial point of contact. We will ensure that your request is addressed promptly. Ms. Gorham can be reached at cgorham@rockvillemd.gov.

Sincerely,

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