



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Charles D. Baker, Governor ◆ Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor ◆ Jennifer D. Maddox, Undersecretary

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To all Local Housing Authorities

Re: Waiver of Late Fees and Interest in State-Aided Public Housing

The Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) is hereby waiving its regulation at 760 CMR 6.04(3)(b) to suspend those provisions which require or allow Local Housing Authorities to charge tenants late fees and interest due to their late payment or nonpayment of rent.

The reason for this regulatory waiver is to avoid any potential conflict with or administrative burdens due to Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2020, "An Act providing for a Moratorium on Evictions and Foreclosures during the COVID-19 Emergency" which became effective on April 20, 2020. The Act prohibits all landlords from charging penalties for nonpayment to tenants who have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.

This waiver will remain in effect for 120 days from the effective date of the Act or for so long as the Act may be extended by the Governor, but for no longer than 45 days after the end of the COVID-19 emergency.

If you have questions, please contact your DHCD Housing Management Specialist.

Sincerely,

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