Tenant Protection Checklist during COVID-19

☐ Review CDC "Halt Evictions" Order

This new order from the Center for Disease Control is in effect until December 31st, 2020. To be protected by this order and to use it as a defense against some (not all) evictions, a tenant must meet following criteria:

1.) Sought assistance, 2.) Below income limits 3.) Had finances, job, or health impacted, 4.) Making best efforts on partial payments, 5.) Faces homelessness or close quarters living if evicted

☐ Submit a Protection Declaration to Your Landlord

If you meet all criteria, you will need to submit a declaration document to your landlord as soon as possible. We suggest you send one copy certified mail and one by first-class mail, or send by email with read receipt. It is important to have documentation that it was sent and received.

☐ Make Partial Payments + Connect with Rental Assistance Resources

One of the criteria that you must meet before submitting the declaration is that you have sought all available government or local assistance. Contact 211-MD for available resources. Additionally, you want to pay anything that you can and document that.

☐ Compile Important Documents + Seek Legal Advice

In order to ensure protection under this order, you want to seek legal advice and show up for any court hearing. If possible, you will want to put together documentation of: loss of income, unemployment, medical costs, lease and rental conditions. There are free legal services that you can access for support.

If you have questions or need help with any item on this checklist, connect with the Fair Development Solidarity Hotline at 443-402-6223 or at fairdevelopmentsolidarity@gmail.com