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Workshop on Resources for Rental Property Owners in the Time of COVID-19 this Wednesday, April 7, 2021

NORTHAMPTON - The Office of the Mayor and the Northampton Housing Partnership invite all rental property owners to attend a Zoom workshop on “Resources for Rental Property Owners in the Time of Covid” **on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.** to learn more about related legal issues and available financial resources from experts working in the field.

Attorney Peter Lane, from Fierst Bloomberg Ohm, LLP, will present an overview and answer questions about the new state and federal legal requirements to evict a tenant, as well as procedural changes in the Trial Court to provide for a two-tier process that will enable tenants and landlords to access resources and mediate their disputes in order to preserve tenancies. A state law enacted in December of 2020 adds new requirements for notices to quit issued by landlords, and made additional changes to court processes.

Additionally, this workshop will provide information on the RAFT and ERMA Programs which help keep eligible households in stable housing situations when facing eviction, foreclosure, and loss of utilities caused by loss of income and/or an increase in expenses. Tenants or landlords with tenant approval can apply for these programs. Information will also be presented on Northampton’s Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance Program for eligible households for rent and utility arrears. Staff members from Way Finders and Community Action Pioneer Valley which administer these programs will provide a brief overview and answer questions.

Resources for Rental Property Owners in the time of COVID

April 7, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/8291877456>

Via Phone: Dial +13017158592, Meeting ID: 8291877456#

For further information, contact Keith Benoit, the Community Development Planner at kbenoit@northamptonma.gov.