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Franklin County Municipal Court Following Federal Court Guidelines on CDC Eviction Moratorium

On May 5, 2021 a federal judge in the District of Columbia vacated a nationwide ban on many residential evictions that was imposed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Later in the day, U.S. District Judge Dabney Friedrich stayed the order at least until May 12 which means that the CDC Eviction Moratorium is still in force.

The Justice Department has indicated that it will seek an extension of Judge Friedrich's stay of the order pending its appeal to the DC Circuit.

According to Municipal Court Administrative Judge Ted Barrows, "The Franklin County Municipal Court will continue to follow the guidelines imposed in the CDC Eviction Moratorium until such time that the federal case is resolved. Once that occurs, the Court will issue new direction and implement changes as necessary."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has banned most evictions across the country since September 2020. The protection was slated to expire at the end of January, but President Joe Biden has extended it, first until April and later through June.

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