



City of Manassas, Virginia
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Information to City Residents on East End Mobile Home Park

The City Council of the City of Manassas has heard from its citizens regarding concerns that residents may be displaced from the East End Mobile Home Park (EEMHP) in the winter and during the school year. The City is sensitive to these concerns and has expressed to the owners of EEMHP that a favorable resolution which accommodates this should be sought. City representatives have been informed by the trustee for EEMHP that an offer to extend the deadline for vacating the property was made conditioned on the tenants agreeing to move out at the end of the extended period, but that this has not been accepted by the tenants.

The Purchase Contract executed between the City and EEMHP allowed the owner of the property to close the mobile home park in an orderly fashion over a period of two years which would end in April 2018. The City has not stipulated any specific date other than this for the park's closure and the City's contract does not speak to any dates regarding the termination of the leases. Again, the City has encouraged the owners of EEMHP to seek resolution to the tenant's and public concerns about the renters being dislocated in winter and during the school year, but the City has no contractual right or authority to force this.

The City has been consistent in its position that the utilities be repaired or that the mobile home park be closed. The Purchase Contract was a negotiated settlement between the parties that guaranteed resolution to the matter by orderly closure. The City does not want to be forced to shut down the private utility system and entered into the contract to avoid that outcome which would have resulted in the property being declared uninhabitable and the residents forced to move immediately. This is the course of action that the City would normally take with property owners but has avoided out of concern for the park's residents.

The management of the mobile home park remains responsible for closing the mobile home park in an orderly fashion. The Manassas City Council is hopeful that, either through legal proceedings or negotiated settlement, the property owner and tenants can find an amicable resolution to their disputes. Specifically, a resolution that allows families with children to stay through the end of this school year, if doing so is consistent with their health and safety. The City of Manassas remains committed to the protection of all its residents and especially those who rent at the mobile home park. Manassas has extended an offer of financial assistance to the residents for up to \$2300 in relocation assistance and has already provided support for two families that have moved. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this assistance and should apply to the Department of Social Services as soon as possible.

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